## Pathwork Lecture 224: Creative Emptiness

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

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

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

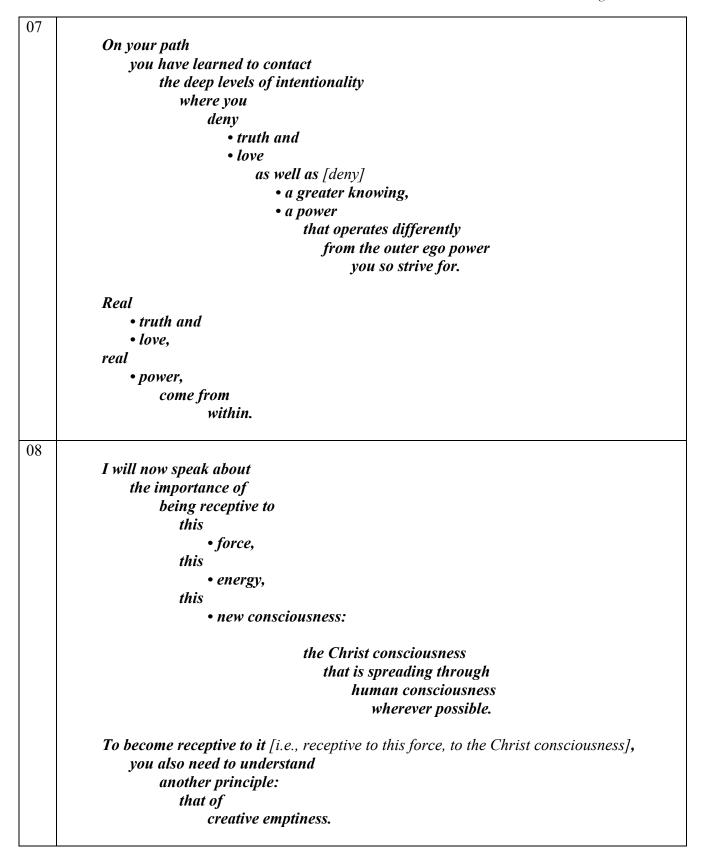
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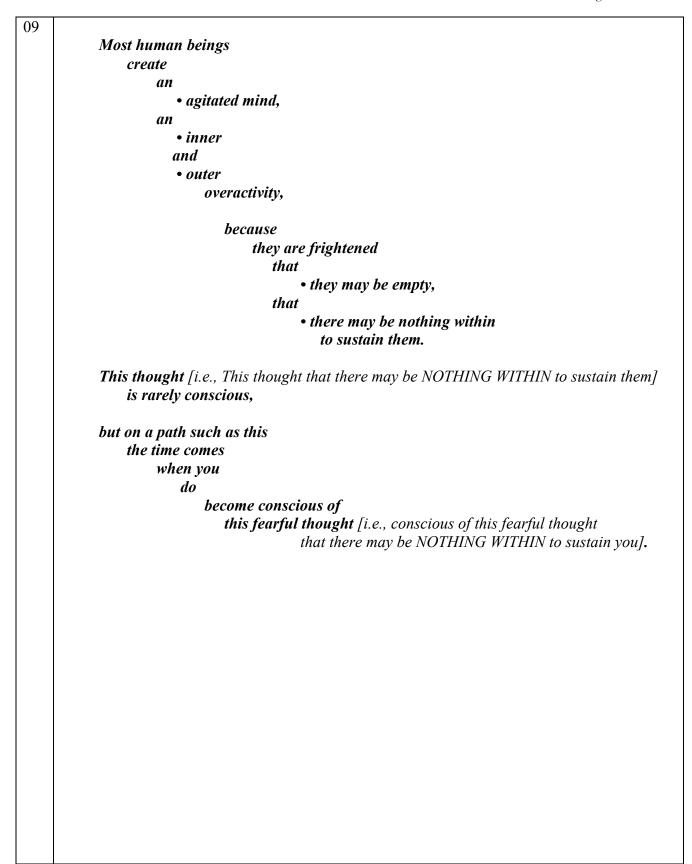
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	My most beloved friends,
	blessings
	for every one of you here.
	A golden force
	is flowing through
	your inner being
	• now
	and
	• forever,
	if the second
	you open yourself to it.
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-	I have spoken to you about
	the coming of
	a new era.
	This event
	requires
	that
	many human beings
	be ready for it.

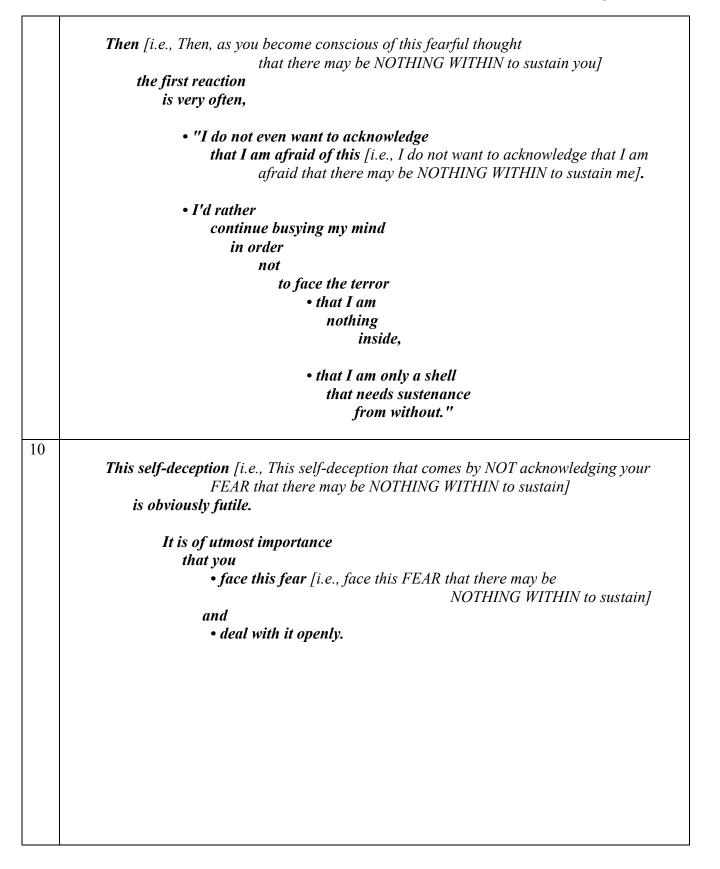
	For many years,
	you on this path have worked for that purpose [i.e., for the purpose of making the human beings ready for the coming of this new era],
	whether or not you were aware of it.
	You have
	filed away at
	your impurities, and
	you still do so.
	you siii uo so.
	And you make yourself available for
	a powerful force
	that has been released
	in the universe –
	the
	inner
	universe.
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)5	Many spiritual
	• teachers and
	channels
	<i>know this</i> [i.e., know that a new era is coming and that
	the releasing of a powerful force is part of this],
	but many
	have
	misinterpreted this event.
	<i>They believe it</i> [i.e., <i>They believe this new era and powerful force</i> ]
	will bring
	geological cataclysms
	with effects
	on a human level.
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As I have said before, this [i.e., this belief that this new era will bring geological cataclysms on a human level] is not true. The changes that are already in progress are changes in consciousness. And you are working at this. You see, as you • develop and • purify yourself, you become more and more ready for an • inner awakening and • enlightenment that • has not yet occurred and • is indeed self-perpetuating in its force. *It [i.e., This upcoming new era bringing inner awakening and enlightenment]* is unprecedented, for there was no other time in human history when this power was as available as it is now.

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	What you
	increasingly
	experience
	is the result of
	this power's
	coming upon
	a receptive channel.
	If this manual
	If this power
	hits
	an unreceptive channel,
	a crisis arises,
	as you well know.
	Even if
	only a part of you
	blocks
	the great creative beneficial forces
	that could make you
	thrive
	in an entirely new way,
	you put yourself
	under great
	• psychic,
	• emotional, and
	• spiritual
	stress.
	<b>This</b> [i.e., Having even a part of you blocking the great creative beneficial forces, which puts you under great psychic, emotional, and spiritual stress]
	must be avoided.

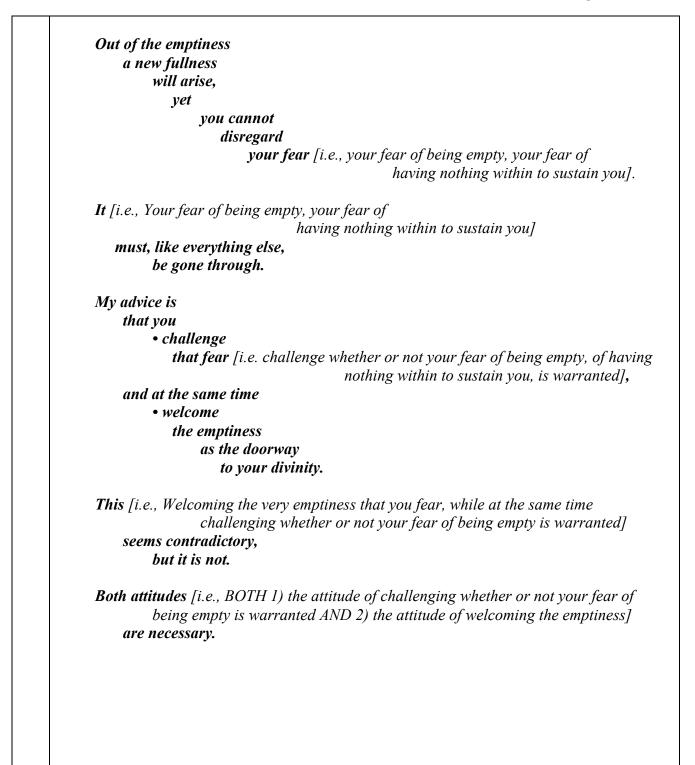






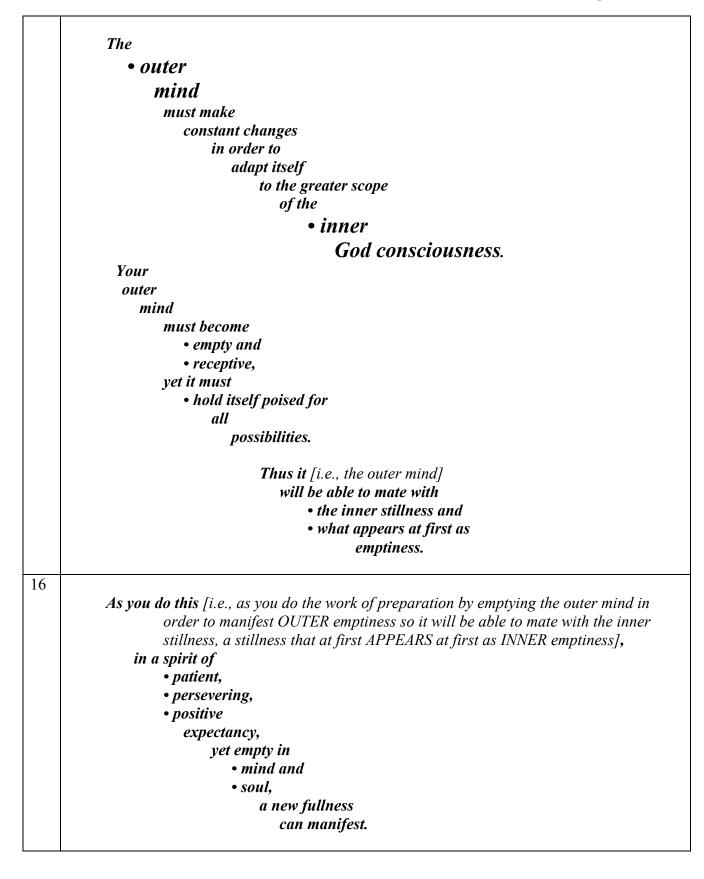
	You need to
	create an atmosphere
	within yourself
	<i>in which you allow</i> [i.e., allow rather than fear, defend against, and block] <i>this emptiness</i> [i.e., this emptiness – this having nothing within to sugtain you!
	nothing within to sustain you] to exist.
	Otherwise
	<b>you perpetually deceive yourself</b> [i.e., you deceive yourself by not allowing what you fear, i.e., your emptiness in having nothing within to sustain you, to exist],
	which is very wasteful
	<i>because the fear</i> [i.e., the fear of your emptiness, the fear of having nothing within to sustain you]
	is unjustified.
	How can you ever
	live in peace with yourself
	<i>if you</i>
	do not know what you fear [i.e., the emptiness that you fear, the fear of having nothing within to sustain you]
	and therefore
	make it impossible to find out
	that what you fear [i.e., that the emptiness that you fear, the fear of having nothing within to sustain you]
	<b>is not so</b> [i.e., you DO have something within to sustain you]?
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	As a result of
	a process that has continued for centuries
	humanity has conditioned itself
	to make
	the outer mind
	a very busy place,
	so that
	when that busyness
	ceases
	[even] temporarily,
	the resulting quiet
	is confused with
	emptiness.

	It [i.e., The resulting quiet after the outer busyness ceases]
	indeed
	inaeea seems
	empty.
	<i>The noise</i> [i.e., <i>The noise of the outer busyness</i> ]
	will recede,
	and
	you must indeed
	• embrace
	and
	welcome
	the emptiness
	as the most important channel
	through which to receive
	your innermost Godself.
	your machinosi Gousey.
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	There are several
	• psychic and
	• spiritual
	laws
	you need to comprehend
	in order to
	• nurture
	<i>this emptiness</i>
	and
	• make it
	a creative venture.
	Some of these laws
	seem to be contradictory.
	Lat ma nut it this way.
	Let me put it this way:
	If you cannot
	let yourself be empty,
	[then] you can
	never be filled.

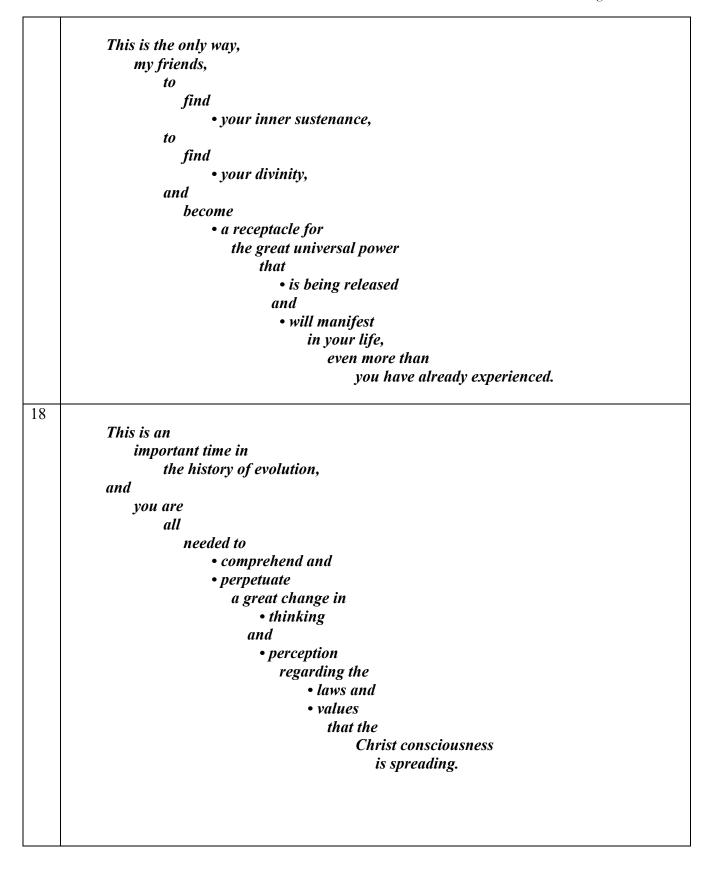


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13	Another apparent contradiction:
	It is automatic important
	It is extremely important
	that you be
	• receptive and
	• expectant,
	yet without
	<ul> <li>preconceived ideas,</li> </ul>
	• impatience, or
	• wishful thinking.
	This seems very hard to explain
	in human words.
	It is something you have to
	feel into.
	There must be a
	• positive expectancy
	that is yet free from
	• preconceived notions of
	• how and
	• what
	should happen.
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	Still another related apparent contradiction:
	You need to be
	• specific,
	yet
	• this specificity
	must be
	• light and
	• neutral.

	You must be
	specific
	• in one way,
	but not [be]
	[specific]
	• in another.
	If this seems confusing now,
	ask
	your inner being
	to relay the comprehension
	to your mind,
	rather than
	trying to understand
	directly
	with your ego-mind.
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	The workings of
	the greater self
	so far surpass
	the mind's imagination
	that specificity
	would be a hindrance [and be limiting].
	Yet
	the mind
	must
	• know what it wants,
	• be prepared for it,
	• reach for it and
	• claim it,
	• know that it
	• deserves what it wants and
	• will not misuse it.



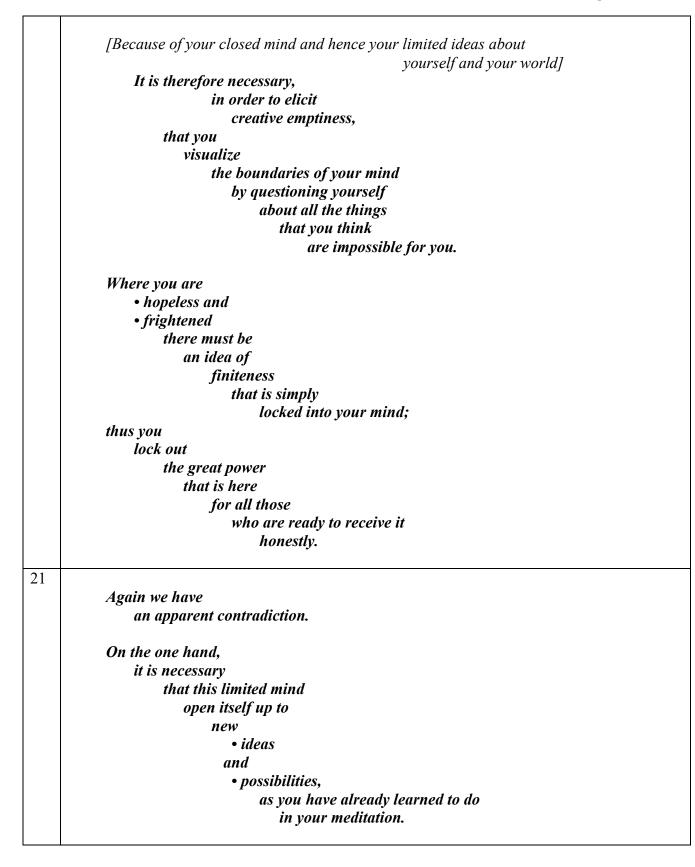
	The inner stillness [i.e., the inner stillness, rather than being inner emptiness
	as first it appeared]
	will begin to
	sing,
	as it were.
	From the
	• energetic point of view,
	<i>it</i> [i.e., the inner stillness, rather than being inner emptiness as first it appeared]
	will convey
	• light and
	• warmth.
	• Strength
	you never knew you possessed
	will arise.
	From the
	<ul> <li>point of view of consciousness,</li> </ul>
	• inspiration,
	• wisdom and
	• guidance
	will come
	for the
	• biggest and
	• smallest
	issues in your life.
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1/	• Receptive,
	• creative
	emptiness
	must truly be nurtured.
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	Listen
	with an
	inner ear,
	and yet
	you must not do this [i.e., you must NOT do this listening with an inner ear]
	with urgency
	but [rather]
	become receptive to
	• when and
	• how
	you will be filled.



	The way
	must be open
	from
	• within and
	from
	• without
	to create
	as many receptacles [i.e., as many receptacles for
	the Christ consciousness]
	as possible.
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	The mind
	can be
	• a hindrance
	0ľ
	• an aid
	to this process [i.e., to this process of preparing for the influx
	of the Christ consciousness].
	You all know that
	your mind
	is limited
	only
	by your own concept of
	its limitations.
	To the degree you
	limit your mind,
	you cannot perceive
	what is beyond it.

	The mind is
	• finite
	and it must
	aim
	to spread the boundaries of its finiteness
	until it measures up with
	• the infinite
	that is
	beyond the mind
	and
	that is
	• within yourself,
	• right here,
	• right now.
	<b>Then</b> [i.e., Then, when it thus spreads the boundaries of its finiteness,] <b>the mind</b>
	merges into
	the infinite consciousness
	of your inner universe,
	in which
	you are • one with
	all that is,
	and yet
	you are
	• infinitely
	your personal self.
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	As it is now,
	you carry your mind with you
	almost as a burden
	because
	it has become
	a closed circuit.

*Inside that circuit [i.e., Inside that closed circuit of the mind]* there is a certain leeway for • ideas, • opinions, and • possibilities you have made room for in your life as a result of • your education and • the mores of your society. *That circuit* [i.e., *That closed circuit of the mind*] *contains* what you have chosen to • learn and • adopt as knowledge, both as • part of the group consciousness and as • your personal experience. To the degree you have • grown and • expanded, the closed circuit of your mind has widened; however, it is still a closed circuit. You are still burdened with *limiting ideas* about • yourself and • your world.



You have seen infallibly that where you have made room for a desirable new possibility, it has indeed come into your life.

You have also seen that when it [i.e., when a desirable new possibility] does not come into your life, you deny that it can [i.e., you deny that it can ever come into your life]

for whatever reason.

It is therefore necessary that you begin to puncture that closed circuit.

You cannot immediately dissolve it; • you live with a mind and • you need your mind.

But where you puncture your mind, the flow of new • energy and • consciousness

can penetrate.

Where it is

not punctured [i.e., Where your mind is not punctured], you stay locked within its narrow confines, which your spirit is fast outgrowing.

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	On the other hand,
	your mind must
	• rest,
	• not hold opinions,
	• be neutral,
	in order to be
	receptive
	to the great new force
	sweeping the
	inner
	universe
	of all consciousness.
	of an consciousness.
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	But let us return to
	the process of
	puncturing
	the limited mind.
	How do you do that?
	First
	tell yourself
	that you
	do hold limited beliefs,
	instead of
	unquestioningly
	taking them [i.e., instead of taking these limited beliefs]
	for granted [i.e., for granted as being the
	<i>unquestionable truth]. The next step</i>
	is to
	challenge them [i.e., challenge these limited beliefs rather than
	` assume, without question, that these beliefs are true].
	<i>This</i> [i.e., Challenging these limited beliefs as to whether or not these beliefs are true] <i>requires taking the trouble</i>
	• to walk through,
	in the well-practiced attitude of • self-observation and
	<ul> <li>self-confrontation,</li> </ul>
	your limited beliefs
	and
	• to truly think about them [i.e., to truly think about your limited beliefs].

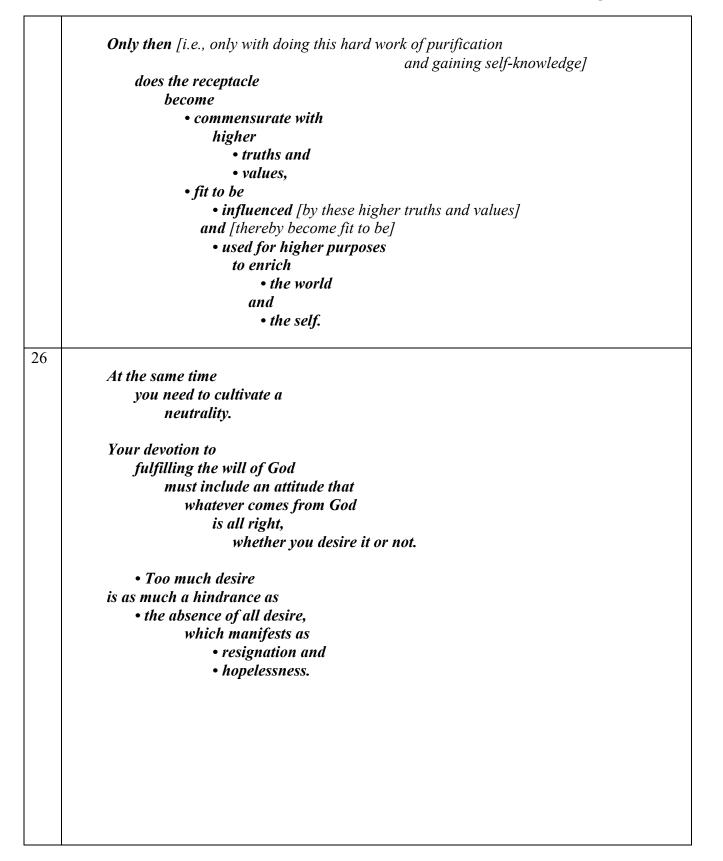
	Sometimes it is
	not just
	that you have a
	• false belief
	but also
	that you have a
	• stake in it [i.e., you have a stake in holding onto this false belief].
	<i>This</i> [i.e., your having a stake in holding onto your false belief]
	must be examined.
	Once you put together
	[both]
	• the negative belief,
	and
	• the possible negative intentionality
	in holding on to it,
	you can see
	how you
	• keep the circuit closed
	and
	• deprive yourself of
	the inner filling you yearn for.
23	
	Another law
	of great importance for this purpose
	is that
	the opening to
	the greater universal consciousness
	must
	not
	be approached
	in a spirit of
	magic
	that is supposed to
	eliminate the
	• becoming
	• growing and
	• learning
	process.

Now, in whatever way this ultimate of power is supposed to • fill and • sustain you, your outer mind must go through the steps of acquiring whatever • knowledge and • know-how are necessary. You all see this in the arts and sciences. You cannot be inspired as a great artist, no matter how much genius you have, unless vou learn • the craft and • the technical dexterity. If the childish lower self wants to use the channel to the greater universe in order to avoid the initial tedium of • learning and • becoming, the channel will remain closed. *For this [i.e., For avoiding the initial tedium of learning and becoming]* amounts to cheating, and God cannot be cheated.

	When you
	cheat,
	the personality
	may become
	seriously doubtful
	that
	anything
	beyond the mind
	exists,
	because
	no inspirational response comes forth
	when using
	"magic"
	to coddle your
	• laziness and
	• self-indulgence.
	The same is true of
	• science
	or • any other field.
	<sup>•</sup> any other field.
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	Now how about
	this same law
	with respect to
	inspiration
	for your
	• personal life
	and
	• decisions?
	Here, too,
	you must not fail to go through
	the work
	the work that the
	outer ego-self has to do
	nas to ao in order to become
	a proper channel
	for the God consciousness.
	Gou consciousness.

You do this *[i.e., You do this preparatory work that is needed by the ego-self in order for you to become a proper channel for God consciousness*] in pathwork. You need to truly know • vourself, • your weaknesses, • your lower self, • where you are corruptible, • where you are • dishonest or tend to be. As you all know, this is hard work, but it needs to be done. If you avoid it [i.e., If you avoid the necessary hard work by the ego-self of truly coming to know all of yourself], the channel • will never really be reliable and • may contain a lot of wishful thinking, stemming from your "desire nature," or it [i.e., or the channel] • may reveal "truth" that is based on • guilt and • fear and is thus equally unreliable.

25 Only when you work in this fashion on your development [i.e., Only when you work on your development in this fashion by doing the necessary hard work of truly coming to know ALL of yourself] will you come to a point when you no longer confuse • gullibility and • wishful thinking with • faith, or • doubt with • discrimination. As a great pianist can be a channel for higher inspiration only when he goes through • the finger exercises and • the hours of practice that make his playing finally effortless, so must God-inspired people work on • their purification process, on • deep self-knowledge and • self-honesty.



The refusal to endure any kind of frustration creates an • inner tension and • defensive structure that • close up the vessel of the mind and • maintain the closed circuit. In other words, you, as a receptacle, need to be neutral. You need to give up the • strong, • tight, • self-willed • yes or • *no* to make way for • a flexible trust guided by your inner God. You need to be • willing, • pliable, • flexible, • trusting and • forever ready for another change you had not contemplated. What is right now may not be right tomorrow.

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	There is
	no fixedness
	when it comes to
	the divine life
	that springs from within
	your innermost being.
	<i>This idea</i> [i.e., <i>This idea that there is NO FIXEDNESS</i> ]
	makes you
	insecure,
	for you believe that
	security
	lies in
	fixed rules.
	Nothing could be further from the truth.
	This is one of those beliefs [i.e., That security lies in having FIXED RULES is
	one of those false limited beliefs you hold]
	that need to be
	challenged.
	Envisage that
	in the idea
	of forever meeting
	every new situation
	by being
	inspired anew
	there lies
	a new kind of security
	which you have not found as yet.
	What is
	right
	in one situation
	may not be right
	in another.
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	<i>This</i> [i.e., <i>That what is right in one situation may not be right in another situation</i> ]
	is one of those laws
	of the new age
	that is opposed to
	the old "stable" laws
	according to which
	[only] <b>what is</b>
	• fixed
	and
	unchangeable
	is secure.
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20	The laws
	that pertain to
	this new venture into
	your inner
	• creativity and
	• life
	need to be studied
	very carefully;
	you must work with them.
	These and not just words
	These are not just words
	to listen to;
	you need to
	<i>make them</i> [ <i>i.e.</i> , you need to make these words]
	your own.

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These laws are apparently full of contradiction. • You need to • acquire knowledge, • the mind • must be expanded, it • must be able to conceive of truthful possibilities, and yet • you must make your mind • neutral and • empty. This seems *contradictory* from the point of view of • the dualistic consciousness, but from the point of view of • the new consciousness that is spreading through your inner universe, these are not contradictions at all. For years I have tried to show you in many areas *how this principle works:* something that is • in truth and • commensurate with the higher laws of life *conciliates* [i.e., reconciles or makes compatible] opposites that are mutually exclusive on the lower level of consciousness.

	What is
	• conflict-producing on the lower level
	is
	• mutually helpful
	and
	• interactive
	on the higher level.
29	
	More and more
	you will discover
	the truth of
	unification,
	• where
	• dualities cease to exist
	and
	<ul> <li>contradictions no longer contradict;</li> </ul>
	• where
	you experience
	two previous opposites
	as valid aspects
	of the same truth.
	When you
	begin to comprehend this principle
	and
	• apply it to
	your
	• own life,
	•
	your • outlook
	and
	• values,
	then
	you are indeed
	ready to receive
	ready to receive
	the new consciousness
	released in realms
	far beyond your own.

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	When I say that
	you must
	not
	approach your divine channel
	with the attitude
	that it should
	save you the work of
	• living and
	• growing,
	I am
	not
	contradicting
	the necessity of
	being
	passively receptive.
	It is simply
	a shift of balance:
	• where you have been
	overactive with your mind,
	you now need to
	• quiet down and
	<ul> <li>let things happen;</li> </ul>
	• where you
	insisted on taking the controls,
	you must now
	<ul> <li>relinguish them and</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>let a new inner power take over.</li> </ul>
	On the other hand,
	where you before
	• tended to be
	• lazy and
	• self-indulgent
	and
	• looked for
	the line of least resistance
	and therefore
	• made yourself dependent on others,
	you now need to
	• take over
	and
	<ul> <li>actively nurture the principles</li> </ul>
	that help to establish the channels
	to your inner God.

	<b>ly express</b> s messages [i.e., actively express your inner God's messages]
	in life.
Thus	
	vity and
• pass	•
n	<i>eed to be reversed</i> [i.e., where you were active you need to be passive, and where you were passive you need to be active].
Your mind	
	nus become
a	n instrument.
Iı	t [i.e., Your mind]
	will
	• open up,
	• puncture its limitations, and
	• acquire new concepts –
	• lightly,
	not
	• tightly – with which to
	"play around" for a while.
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This attitu	de
of	
	lightness in your perceptions,
of	A
of .	flexibility,
•	motility of mind
	will make you
	the most receptive
	<b>to your apparent emptiness</b> [i.e., your apparent emptiness that you have feared feeli

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	Now, my friends, as we approach this emptiness,			
	• how does it feel?			
	• What is it all about?			
	Again,			
	• the human language			
	is extremely limited,			
	and			
	• it is almost impossible			
	to squeeze this kind of experience			
	into the context of language.			
	I will try my very best			
	to give you some tools, however.			
33				
	As you listen into			
	your inner "chasm,"			
	it seems at first			
	to be a black gulf of emptiness.			
	What you			
	feel			
	at this point is			
	fear.			
	This fear			
	seems to			
	fill you up.			
	What is this fear?			
	It is			
	as much a fear of			
	• finding yourself to indeed be empty			
	as [it is a fear] of			
	• finding yourself			
	• with			
	• a new consciousness,			
	with			
	• a new being			
	evolving within you.			

Although you yearn for this [i.e., Although you yearn for this new consciousness, this new being evolving within you], you also fear it [i.e., you also fear this new consciousness, this new being evolving within you]. *The fear* [i.e., *The fear of this new consciousness, of this new being evolving within you*] exists from both ends: [on one end] • You want the new consciousness so much that you fear disappointment, and yet [on the other end] • you also fear finding this consciousness because of all the • obligations and • changes that this might impose on you. You must travel through both these fears [i.e., both 1) your fear of disappointment that the new consciousness won't meet your expectations and 2) your fear of the changes the new consciousness may require of you]. On this path you have received the tools to deal with such fears by questioning

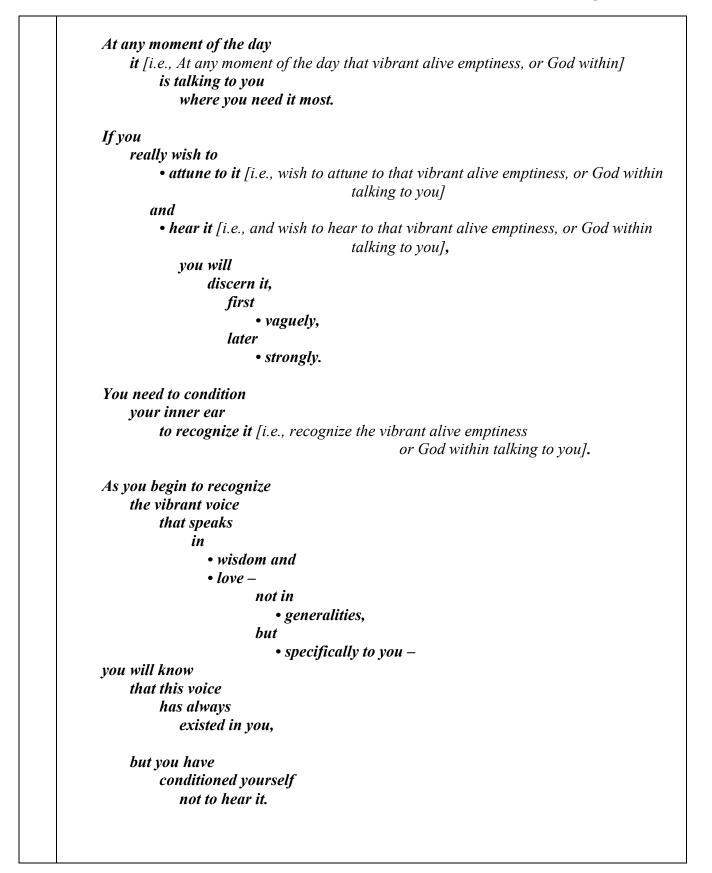
your lower self.

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	But the time comes
	when you
	are ready,
	notwithstanding the fear,
	because
	you have already
	made the connections.
	You know, for example,
	• what your lower self wants
	and
	• why you have negative intentions.
	The time comes when,
	in spite of the fear,
	you decide
	• calmly
	and
	• quietly
	to go into the emptiness.
	So you
	empty your mind
	in order to
	meet the
	emptiness
	deep within.
	Lo and behold, very soon
	that very emptiness [i.e., that very emptiness deep within] will feel,
	• not full the same way you are used to,
	but it [i.e., that very emptiness]
	will contain
	• a new aliveness
	that the old
	artificial
	fullness of your mind
	made impossible.

In fact, you will soon find out that you made yourself artificially dull by packing yourself tight: • tight in the mind because of its noise, and • tight within your channel by contracting your energy into hard knots of defense. You had *killed your aliveness [i.e., You had killed your inner aliveness]* with this artificial fullness [i.e., with this artificial fullness of the noise in your mind]. So you became needier because without your inner life you could not be fulfilled in a real sense. A vicious circle was established as you strove to get fulfillment from outside, since you refused to go through the necessary steps to make fulfillment first manifest within.

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	In one sense you
	fear
	• the aliveness
	more than [you]
	[fear]
	• the emptiness.
	And perhaps
	you had better face that.
	When you make yourself
	sufficiently empty,
	the first initial response
	is an
	inner aliveness,
	and [i.e., and out of your FEAR of your INNER ALIVENESS]
	you tend to
	immediately
	shut the lid tight again.
	Yet by
	• denying your fear [i.e., by denying your fear of inner aliveness]
	you also
	• deny that
	you are really very unhappy about
	<b>your</b> [current]
	lack
	of aliveness.
	But
	<ul> <li>lack of aliveness</li> </ul>
	comes from
	• fearing it [i.e., your lack of aliveness comes from fearing aliveness].
	You can make
	the fear [i.e., make the fear of aliveness]
	give way to
	[experiencing] aliveness
	by letting yourself be
	creatively empty.

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	You will
	experience
	• your whole inner being,
	• including
	• your body
	and
	• your energy,
	as a vibrantly alive
	"inner tube."
	• En angu
	• Energy
	goes through it [i.e., Energy goes through this "inner tube"], • feelings
	<i>go through it</i> [i.e., feelings go through this "inner tube"],
	go intough it [i.e., jeetings go intough this timer tube ],
	and
	• something else
	is vibrantly coming to the fore
	that you cannot as yet name.
	If you do not
	shy away from
	that
	unnamable something,
	<i>it</i> [ <i>i.e.</i> , <i>that unnamable something</i> ]
	will sooner or later
	turn out to be constant inner instruction:
	consumt inner instruction.
	• truth,
	• encouragement,
	• wisdom,
	• guidance,
	• specifically destined to your life
	• right now,
	• wherever you need it most.
	That
	• emptiness,
	that
	• vibrant alive emptiness,
	is a l
	God
	talking to you.



	And
	<i>in that conditioning</i> [ <i>i.e.</i> , <i>in that conditioning so as NOT to HEAR</i>
	that voice of God out of the deep stillness within]
	you have
	• tightened
	and
	• packed up
	that "inner tube"
	that is [i.e., that is meant] to fill you
	with the
	vibrant
	music of the angels.
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	When I say
	the "music of the angels,"
	I do not necessarily mean this literally,
	although that, too, may exist.
	<b>But what you need more</b> [i.e., But what you need more than the "music of the angels"] is the
	guidance for
	every decision
	about what
	• opinion or
	• attitude
	to adopt
	in a given situation.
	That instruction
	is truly comparable to
	the music of the angels
	in its glory.
	This fullness
	cannot be described
	in its wonder;
	<i>it</i> [i.e., this fullness in all its wonder]
	is a treasure
	beyond all words.

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<b>It</b> [i.e.,	This fullness in all its wonder]
is	what you
	constantly
	• look and
	• yearn
	for,
	but most of the time
	you are not [even] aware of
	this searching
	and project it [i.e., and project this searching
	for the inner wondrous fulfillment you want]
	on substitute fulfillments
	that you expect to come from
	outside.
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Refocu	IS .
	what has
	always existed
	within you.
Your	
• 11	nind and
• 0	uter will
	have
	• confused and
	• complicated
	your life,
	so this
	<b>new contact</b> [i.e., this new contact with God within, speaking out of the stillness]
	is like finding your way out of a maze –
	a maze
	you
	have created.
<i>You ca</i>	n now
rec	create
	your inner landscape
	without that maze.

39 Now, my dearest friends, I would like to say a few words about the new person in the new era. What is the new person? The new person is indeed always a receptacle of the • universal intelligence, the • divine consciousness, the • Christ consciousness, that permeates every particle • of being and • of life. The new person is not functioning from the habitual intellect. For many centuries the intellect had to be cultivated to fulfill its role [i.e., to fulfill the intellect's role] as an important stepping stone in humanity's evolution.

	By now,
	the overemphasis [i.e., the overemphasis on the intellect]
	has gone on too long.
	[But] This does not mean
	you should
	revert back
	to the purely
	• blind,
	• emotional
	"desire-nature,"
	rather, it means
	you should open up
	to a higher realm of consciousness
	within you
	and let it unfold.
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	There was a period in evolution
	when it was
	as hard for people
	• to find their ability
	to
	• think,
	to
	• weigh,
	to
	• discriminate,
	to
	• retain knowledge,
	to
	• remember,
	in short,
	to
	• use all the faculties of the mind,
	as it now seems hand
	as it now seems hard
	• to find contact with the higher solf
	the higher self.

The new person has established a new balance in the inner system. The intellect must not be left out; *it* [*i.e.*, *the intellect*] is an instrument that must • serve, • become unified with the greater consciousness. For many ages people believed that the intellectual faculties were the highest form of development, and *some still believe this now* [*i.e.*, *some still believe now that the* intellectual faculties are the highest form of development]. So they [i.e., So those who still believe that the intellectual *faculties are the highest form of development*] make no attempt to journey • further

and • deeper

into their inner nature to find greater treasures.

	On the other hand, there are many spiritual movements
	that practice
	• discarding
	and
	• inactivating
	the mind altogether.
	This is
	equally undesirable
	because it
	creates
	• splits [i.e., creates splits between the intellectual
	faculties and the deeper inner nature]
	rather than
	• unification [i.e., rather than unification of the
	intellectual faculties with the deeper inner nature].
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	<b>Both these extremes</b> [i.e., at one extreme valuing ONLY the intellect and not the deeper
	inner nature and at the other extreme disregarding the
	intellect and valuing ONLY the deeper inner nature]
	are half-truths,
	though they can have
	relative validity.
	For example,
	in the past,
	people
	were like beasts,
	• undisciplined and
	• irresponsible
	as far as their
	immediate desires were concerned.
	They were
	totally driven by
	• emotions and
	• desires,
	regardless of
	• ethics and
	• morality.

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So for that stage the development of the intellect fulfilled its function [i.e. fulfilled its function of introducing ethics and morality and thereby reining in uncontrolled emotions and desires]. And the intellect also fulfilled its function as a very sharp tool of • learning, of

• discriminating.

But when it ends there

*it* [*i.e.*, But when living ends with humans using the intellect for functions of learning, discriminating and controlling emotions alone, life] *becomes a farce.* 

## Humans

who cannot become animated by their divinity become a farce.

By the same token, the practice of leaving the mind temporarily inactive is advisable, and I recommend it myself.

## But

to treat the mind as if it were the devil and
to oust it from your life is missing the point.

Being in
<i>either extreme</i> [i.e., Being in either the extreme of using the intellect exclusively
or in the opposite extreme of not using the intellect at a
people are not full;
they need
all
their functions working
in order to
express
their divinity.
Without a mind,
you become
a passive amoeba;
when the mind
is deemed
the highest faculty,
you become
a hyperactive robot.
u hyperacare robon
The mind then becomes
a computerized machine.
True aliveness
exists only
when you wed
• the mind
with
• the spirit
and allow the mind
to express
the feminine principle
for a while.

Until now the mind has been very much linked with the masculine principle: • action, • drive, • control. Now the mind has to express the feminine principle: • receptivity. This does not mean that you will become passive. In a sense, you will be more • active, more • truly independent than you were before. For when the mind receives *inspirations* from the God consciousness, *they* [*i.e.*, *the inspirations from the God consciousness*] must be put into action. But this putting into action [i.e., But this putting into action inspirations *from the God consciousness]* is • harmonious, • effortless, not like a • cramp.

When your mind is receptive, it can be filled with the higher spirit within you. Then the functioning becomes • totally different, • forever • new and • exciting. Nothing becomes • routinized; nothing becomes • stale; nothing becomes • redundant. For the spirit is forever • alive and • changing. This is the • energy and • experience you have increasingly at your Center [i.e., at your Pathwork Center], where the new influx is working so strongly.

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	The new person
	makes all decisions
	from
	this new consciousness
	after
	working his or her way through to
	becoming
	truly receptive to
	the spiritual being within.
	The results
	would sound utopian
	for someone who has
	not begun to
	experience
	this.
	I am happy to say that
	quite a number of you
	are already part of
	this strong cosmic movement
	for which
	you have made yourself available.
	You
	experience
	• hitherto undreamed of
	• expansion
	and
	• <i>joy</i> ,
	<ul> <li>resolutions of problems</li> </ul>
	that you never thought possible.
	And it continues.

	There are
	no limitations
	to your
	• fulfillment,
	to the
	• peace,
	to the
	• productivity,
	to the
	• creativity
	of living,
	to
	• <i>joy</i> ,
	• love, and
	• happiness,
	and
	to
	• the meaning
	your life has acquired
	as you serve a greater cause.
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	The time has
	passed
	for each individual
	to live
	only
	for a
	• selfish,
	• immediate
	• little
	life.
	This can no longer continue.

	Those who
	insist on this way [i.e., Those who insist on living a selfish,
	immediate, little way of life] lock themselves out
	from a power
	that would
	turn destructive
	in a mind
	that is still geared to
	selfishness.
	For that selfishness
	comes from
	the false belief
	that you are
	• happy
	only when you are selfish,
	and
	• unhappy
	when you are unselfish.
	<b>That false belief</b> [i.e., That false belief that you are happy only when you are selfish and unhappy when you are unselfish]
	is one of the first myths
	you need to
	• explore
	and
	• challenge.
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	So you create
	a new life
	for
	• yourself
	and
	• your environment,
	of a kind that humanity
	has not yet known.

• You are preparing for it [i.e., You are preparing for this new life, a life of a kind that humanity has not yet known], • others are preparing for it [i.e., others are preparing for this new life, a life of a kind that humanity has not yet known], here and there. all over the world, quietly. *These* [*i.e.*, *These people who are preparing for this as yet unknown life*] are golden nuclei that spring up out of the • gray, • dark matter of untruthful • thinking and • living. So further that channel in you. *It [i.e., This channel to God within]* will bring you • the excitement and • the peace you always wanted. Enter this new phase, my dearest friends, with • courage and • affirmation.

	Get out of
	that attitude
	you still have
	toward
	yourself,
	as if
	you were
	beaten down.
	You are
	not
	beaten down,
	unless
	you
	affect this role [i.e., unless you affect this role
	by beating yourself down].
	You can
	• rise up
	and
	• become
	who you truly are
	and
	• experience
	life
	at its best.
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	All of you
	are blessed,
	my very dearest ones.
	The blessings
	will give you the sustenance you need
	to go all the way
	with all of yourself
	and become
	• enlivened,
	• activated,
	• actualized
	by the God within.
	Be in peace.

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