Pathwork Lecture 227: Change from Outer to Inner Laws in the New Age

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

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

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

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Greetings,

my very beloved friends.

Blessings

for every one of you.

Divine love

• reaches out to you,

• seeps deep into your heart and

• embraces you.

Let it [i.e., Let this divine love that seeps into your heart and embraces you] give you the peace of the ultimate reality that you

• can and

• will

find within your innermost being

if you go all the way with yourself.
In this lecture I wish to give you another vision
of the growth process
in which
• you as individuals, and
• the planet as a whole, are involved.

Every seed contains
the plan of
its ultimate
• self-evolution and
• fulfillment.

This plan always follows
its own organic way.

You have experienced some of this phenomenon in your pathwork.

You have seen, again and again, that
an organic process unfolds completely independent of your
• mind and
• conscious expectations.

Such a plan fulfills itself in certain stages.

Whenever new stages are reached, new energies are released.
Now let us look at this phenomenon on the
• most superficial,
• material
  level of manifestation.

Let us take the
outer growth
  of a human being.

You can see
very distinct phases
  in human growth.

When the infant
is ready to unfold
dormant capacities to learn how to
• speak and
• walk,
new energies
must become available,
  otherwise
  the unfoldment cannot take place.

This is
the first major change
  after incarnation on the physical level.

The next major phase of expansion occurs
when the child is ready to
• leave home and
• go to school.

This is
not only
• a physical expansion,
  but also
• an inner expansion,
  • a step out
    into the world.
The child unfolds its inherent potential to cope with others outside the home.

Such growth continues throughout its entire life span.

When full physical growth is reached, these phases are less noticeable than during childhood; however, they are just as distinct and real.

These phases always mean change, growth, and higher levels of creative self-expression in dealing with the world without and within.

Your physicians know that every few years changes occur in the cellular system. Actually, the chemical components totally change in the outer structure.

Again, although this process is not noticeable, it is nevertheless very real.
The same stages of
• growth and
• change

apply even more dynamically
on the
• mental,
• emotional,
• spiritual and
• psychic

levels of
the inner being.

Each stage
is an orderly step
toward the fulfillment
of the seed plan.

The seed plan
automatically
releases new energies.
When the entity 
follows its plan, 
these energies 
become extremely beneficial.

They aid the process 
of
• growth,
of
• change,
of
• expansion,
of
• reaching into new dimensions from within,
of
• moving outward and
• embracing more of
  reality –
    that inner reality
    whose aim it is
to transform
outer reality
according to its own
• perfection,
• limitless beauty, and
• endless possibilities of expression.

When, however, 
the movement 
is hindered
as the outer ego-consciousness
• resists the process,
• makes itself insensitive to it and
• ignores it urgings,
then the energies
are not allowed to unfold
in their intrinsically harmonious way.
The constructive power of these energies then turns destructive,
though [destructive] only in the limited light of human vision.

Actually the destruction is always aimed at eliminating
• the obstructions,
• the untruth,
• the infringements on divine unfoldment.

The blockages the consciousness sets in the way of the released energies need to be dissolved,
and this [i.e., and this dissolving of blockages of the released energy] manifests in the life of the person as
• upheaval,
• crisis,
• painful destruction.

The individual needs to learn how to
• see and
• understand these happenings [i.e., these upheavals, crises, and painful destructions].

They [i.e., These upheavals, crises, and painful destructions] are not haphazard events.
Whenever
  the consciousness is
    • open,
    • in truth,
    • in accord with divine law,
the energies
  move
    • organically and
    • harmoniously.

Wherever
  the consciousness
    is contrary to truth,
the energies
  • are inverted
    and
  • turn,
    apparently,
    against the self.

This process embraces
  all
    • being,
  all
    • creation.

What applies to
  • the individual entity
applies just as much to
  • the planet.

The planet Earth
is an entity,
  and
  the same
    • laws of growth,
  the same
    • stages of unfoldment
  apply to
    • it [i.e., apply to the planet Earth]
as [apply] to
  • the individual.
With both
  • the individual
and
  • the planetary entity,
    each period of expansion
    is quite distinct.

The energies
  that need to be released
  to make possible
    the expansion
    inherent in the seed plan
    must be strong.

Hence
  the positive
  manifestations
  are extremely noticeable.

  • Changes,
  • unfoldments of new potentials,
  • renewed creativity,
  • new approaches to the
    • self and
    • others
      that reveal
        a much greater maturity,
  • increased
    • well-being and
    • bliss,
  • increased vision
    of new alternatives
      for self-expression,

manifest
  when these energies
  are used according to plan.
• Crisis and destruction manifest when the new energies are not recognized as an influx of divine forces and are therefore resisted as if they were a hostile force.

All regressive and reactionary attitudes, as well as radical revolutionary ones [i.e., radical revolutionary attitudes] are nothing but blockages.

• The latter [i.e., The radical revolutionary attitude] is a blockage no less than the former [i.e., no less than the regressive and reactionary attitude] [is a blockage], [the radical revolutionary attitude] being merely an outward projection of what emotions are held back with a misdirected emphasis.

How does this apply to the present new influx of the unfolding Christ consciousness in this New Age, which is one of the stages of expansion?
If an individual is ready to reach adulthood but blocks it, the adult energies released into the
• psychic,
• emotional, and
• physical
system will create a crisis.

This phenomenon is widely ignored among your
• scientists and
• educators,
and even among your
• psychologists.

The same is true of the planet.

Your planet
• is ready for adulthood and
• strives to unfold it [i.e., strives to unfold adulthood].

Yet the planet also harbors resistant elements that
• fear,
• resist and
• want to ignore the process [of unfolding adulthood].

So you can recognize factions of people who are totally oblivious to inner processes [of unfolding adulthood].

You can also see groups who sense some of these processes [i.e., who do sense some of these inner processes of unfolding adulthood].
And then there are those who are very keenly aware of the inner reality and see the outer reality for exactly what it is: merely
• a reflection,
• a manifestation
[of the inner reality].

The less evolved organization of consciousness, which is focused only on the outer manifestation, is in a state of separateness.

It [i.e., The less evolved organization of consciousness that is in a state of separateness]

• is unable to perceive the oneness of all being and therefore
• proceeds in ways that split off
  • the self from
  • others.

• Selfishness,  
• greed,  
• ruthlessness,  
• unconcern, and  
• cruelty  
are manifestations of this turn of mind.
Since the precepts behind these [negative] attitudes [of selfishness, greed, ruthlessness, unconcern, and cruelty]
are based on illusion,
they [i.e., these negative attitudes of selfishness, greed, ruthlessness, unconcern, and cruelty]
• must ultimately prove • painful and • unworkable
and
• are being destroyed by every new influx of divine energy.

This truth [i.e., This truth that these negative attitudes must ultimately prove painful and unworkable and are being destroyed by every new influx of divine energy, resulting in crises]
is not always understood in its true significance.

It often requires a great deal of
• time and • development
before the inner meaning of such a crisis can become clear.

The blindness that is unable to perceive the oneness of all being is distinctive – it is based on the apparent diversity of interests between • self and • others.
Such a personality [i.e., a personality that is unable to perceive the oneness of all being, that is blinded by the diversity of interests between self and others]

- can see no further than the immediate point
- and
  - neglects,
  - or even
  - refuses,
    to see beyond this point.

It [i.e., Such a personality that is unable to perceive the oneness of all being] remains unaware of the connecting links between
  - the self
  - and
    - others.

In the age just past, which we can call the early adolescent stage of planetary consciousness, humanity had to learn to make a very crude kind of distinction

  between
    - good
  and
    - evil,

  between
    - social
  and
    - antisocial behavior,

  between
    - constructive
  and
    - destructive acts.
This [crude kind of distinction between good and evil, between social and antisocial behavior, and between constructive and destructive acts] was a totally dualistic state, inevitable because the consciousness of the planet was not able to perceive anything beyond dualism.

It [i.e., This dualistic state] was also a necessary preparation for
- the next age,
- the one you have now entered.

You have to acquire the strength of character to withstand temptation [i.e., the temptation to not grow up] before you can realize that nothing is being sacrificed by growing up, because
- your real interest cannot ever differ from
- that of others.

In previous ages this distinction [i.e., this distinction between good and evil, between social and antisocial behavior, and between constructive and destructive acts] could not be made.
Humanity was then [i.e., was then, in previous ages to this current age of dualism,] incapable of distinguishing
  • good
from
  • evil,
between what was
  • constructive
and what was
  • destructive
  for others,
even if it [i.e., even if what was constructive or destructive for others]
  seemed advantageous to the self.

In those earlier periods [i.e., in periods earlier than dualism], people were governed merely by
  • impulse and
  • desire.
What was
  immediately gratifying seemed
  "good,"
and no consideration could be given to anything beyond it.

Consciousness was then in its infancy.

Only in the age [of dualism] that has now come to an end could the struggle be taken up to choose between interests that seemed divergent.

The pain created by the blindness of the undeveloped state becomes its own
  • medicine and
  • lesson.
I have often mentioned this divine law [i.e., the divine law that the pain of the undeveloped state becomes its own medicine], which is so hard for humanity to recognize.

If you give up what seems to be your interest because you recognize that not doing so [i.e., you recognize that not giving up what seems to be your interest] would harm others,
you prepare for the next stage of development, where you can have a fuller vision.

This also applies to the planet as a whole.

The dualistic way of seeing reality is still very deeply embedded in the human consciousness, so • everything seems to pose a choice between either • the self or • the other, and • the conflicts of conscience that result are often quite severe.
Needless to say, all human beings cannot always make that apparent sacrifice in order to preserve • decency, • kindness, and • constructive behavior because such action [i.e., action of such apparent sacrifice] is still so deeply experienced as being against the self.

Therefore when you are sacrificing from a dualistic consciousness, you often do so to your detriment.

Such sacrifice [i.e. Sacrifice from a dualistic consciousness of separateness] is • illusory, and not an expression of • divine love, • kindness, • decency, or • honesty.

But if these attributes [i.e., But if kindness, decency, and constructive behavior coming from you] seem to extract severe sacrifice, sacrifice must be experienced, for you shall • experience as you • believe.
You have all experienced
in your purification process
how
• resentful and
• deprived
you feel
when you refrain from
destructive behavior,
and also how [i.e., and conversely, also how]
• guilty and
• self-rejecting
you feel
when you give in to the temptation
of following the call of
the immediate desire
of the lower self.

The laws and mores of civilization
in the age just past
hinged on
• this basic duality,
thus on
• a limited vision of reality.

At the same time
this limited [dualistic] vision
was a much needed
testing ground.

All the manifestations of
• strife and
• upheaval,
• natural
as well as
• artificial,
expressed this conflict
between
the seemingly divergent interests of
• the self
and
• others.
Now this [dualistic] age has come to an end.

Those who have sacrificed for the good of all, for the sake of a divine principle, will find that

- this [i.e., this sacrificing for the good of all for the sake of a divine principle]

is no longer necessary,

that

- a deeper level of truth can be reached,

for you now see that

what harms

- the self,

harms

- others,

and what

harms

- others

also harms

- the self.
Those who have acted primarily on the
• selfish and
• destructive
level
must come to
a change of heart
if the powerful energies
that are being released
on the inner plane of the planet
are to be
• creative and
• constructive
for them.

Otherwise they will create
unbearable tensions
that will culminate in crisis.

The planet Earth
has come to a stage of development
in which
the old [i.e., dualistic] structure
can no longer be maintained.

It [i.e., The old dualistic structure of planet Earth]
cannot bear the
• tensions and
• restrictions
of the old limited consciousness.

A new vision must be gained
in which
• the self
and
• others
are perceived as one.
You have to
look for this new vision
beneath
the limited vision
to which
the immediate consciousness
is so accustomed.

This new vision
brings
enormous
• peace,
• security,
• joy, and
• self-expression.

It is
not an illusory image
of wishful thinking;
it is
stark reality.

You all know, my friends,
that
the distinction
between
people who are still steeped in
• the old consciousness
and
those who share
• the new perception
is not always simple,
for humanity
is not cut from one cloth.

Many human beings
• are on the brink of change and
• need
• help and
• guidance
to pull them over
into the new [i.e., the new consciousness, vision and perception].
Even those
• who are by and large ready to let
  the new consciousness express itself through them,
• whose personality already embraces
  the new Christ consciousness,

find areas within
where they still maintain the
• old,
• selfish,
• narrow vision.

Those [areas within where you still maintain the old, selfish, narrow, dualistic vision]
are the areas you call your "problems."

Perhaps we can now see this [i.e., this matter of what you call your "problem" areas]
in a
• different and
• more comprehensive light.

It is too simple to say that
these [areas of your life] are "problems."

They [i.e., These areas of your life that you say are "problem" areas] express
a rhythm of
• growth and
• expansion.
Some people
are already prepared
for this
New Age of consciousness,
and in this sense
this consciousness already exists.

- **They** [i.e., The people who are already prepared for this New Age of consciousness] are the pioneers.

- **They** [i.e., The people who are already prepared for this New Age of consciousness] create a new civilization.

- **The beginnings have already been made,**
  in various places all over the Earth.

There are also
a considerable number of human beings who are not quite yet in the new consciousness but are capable of reaching that state.

**This** [i.e., Reaching this state of the new consciousness] requires very intense work with guidance.

**The way to do this** [i.e., The way to do the very intense work of reaching this state of the new consciousness with guidance] is being presented to you through this channel.

**More of this preparation is needed** all over the world.

**And it will come.**
Your task
is very important,
for
• you are not merely concerned with
  those human beings
  • who have attained
    the new consciousness,
  • who are pioneers
    in creating a new civilization.

• You are also called upon
  to undergo
  your own
  • purification work,
  your own
  • growth process,
    so that
  • your inner vision
    will be enlarged and
  • your present state of manifest consciousness
    will alter
    according to your seed plan.

[Only] Then you can help others,
in many different ways,
to accomplish the same.

There need
not be
a very strict differentiation
between those who are in the
• old
and those who are in the
• new.

There are a number of human beings
who at this stage of development
are not ready
  to undergo
  the necessary discipline of the work.

But there are more than you realize
who might be able to do it
but unfortunately
do not do so.
There are also many human beings who
  • can and
  • wish to
    • widen and
    • deepen
      their consciousness
      according to
      their plan.

This work is not sufficiently spread on the earth plane and it needs more emphasis.

This will happen.

Your own nucleus here
  • can and
  • will
    play an important role
    in this task,
    in exchanges with
    other New Age centers
    that
      • are willing to accept
        the process of
        becoming
      and
      • do not just let everyone
        stay wherever they are.

Work needs to be done.

This work of preparing the inner consciousness of more and more individuals for the inner reality to unfold really means very plainly just one thing:
  • liberating God within you,
  • liberating God within the general consciousness of humanity.
The God consciousness that existed in previous ages was always
• projected outward, as you well know.

Then, as a necessary preparation, the pendulum had to swing to emphasis on
• the self.

The individual had to give up God outside to assume full responsibility for the self.

But to
• make the transition from
  • the God outside to
  • God inside,
and
• bridge that gap [i.e., to bridge the gap between the God outside and God inside] in time and space,
a transitory period of
• atheism or
• agnosticism had to come
to prepare the individual for
• full autonomy and
• selfhood.

This had to happen first only on the outer levels, for
• full autonomy and
• selfhood on all levels can exist only
  • when God within is liberated and
  • when your oneness with God has been found.

That is reality.
Now, my friends,
wherever the planet Earth
• resists
  the powerful energies and
• does not follow
  its seed plan [i.e., does not follow planet Earth’s seed plan],
its development
has to proceed differently
from the development
  of those aspects of the planetary consciousness
    that are ready to embrace the new.

This division [i.e., This division between those places that resist the seed plan and
  those places that are ready to embrace the new consciousness]
  is
• necessary,
• organic, and
• inevitable.

Individuals
  who are blind to
  the meaning of the crisis
    that was caused by
      obstructing the movement
        • will feel victimized by it [i.e., by the crisis] and
        • will insist that
          everything is hopeless.

But those in the know
• will be aware of
  the real meaning of the crisis and
• will not fear it.

They know it is a change
  that may, at the moment,
    present some difficulties
      in the process
        of adjusting to new modalities,
but they also know
  that this means
• welcome liberation and
• greater joy.
Exactly the same happens within the individual.

Those of you who work on the path find out
• incontrovertibly, and
• without a shadow of doubt
  if you are willing to really look,
  that each crisis you experience means
  • a negation of truth,
  • a violation of your divinity.

And that [i.e., And because you negate truth and violate your divinity by not allowing your seed plan’s spiritual growth process to proceed organically] is why you are in
• difficulties,
• crisis, and
• suffering.

You are in fact blocking
the immensely powerful energy stream
of your spiritual growth process.

With this new awareness [i.e., awareness that your difficulties, crises, and suffering are caused by your blocking the immensely powerful energy stream of your spiritual growth process],
you also gain
a wonderful key,
which helps you to
• recognize and
• open up
those areas of consciousness
where you have
• blocked and
• inverted
powerful creative energies,
so that they [i.e., so that these powerful creative energies]
have turned against you.
On this path
you learn to harmonize
the whole [growth] process
by surrendering
all of you
to the Christ
who is awakening
• within you,
• on your plane
  of inner reality.

Exactly the same process
applies to
the planet.

You who
• have created your Center and
• experience so much
  • life and
  • growth,
  • pain and
  • joy and
  • true peace
  through this process,
    sometimes fall into the error
    of believing that
    the life you lead
    in the short periods you spend there [i.e., at your Center]
    is too
    • beautiful and
    • meaningful
    to be real.

Reality
could not be that way [i.e., Reality could not be that beautiful and
that meaningful].

It [i.e., The beauty and meaningfulness you experience in short
periods at your Center]
is too much [to be real],
you feel.
When you come into
• your ordinary surroundings,
• your outer life,
you designate that [i.e., that ordinary every-day outer life away from your Center]
as the
"real" life.

Nothing
could be further from
the truth,
my friends.

What you call
the real life
is the most illusory life,
where almost everything
is turned upside down.

There [i.e., There in your ordinary every-day outer life away from your Center],
only the
• outer,
• most superficial
  manifestations
  are
    • recognized and
    • dealt with;

thus [i.e., by dealing with only the outer, most superficial manifestations]
life is being
fragmented
into a meaningless pattern.

In the new civilization
that you are beginning to found,
you learn to make the connections
between
• cause
  and
• effect,
between
• the various apparently fragmented
  pieces of experience [i.e., the manifested effects]
  and
• consciousness [i.e., the consciousness that is the underlying cause].
[In the new civilization that you are beginning to found in your work at your Center]

You learn to discover the
• deeper and
• more real
  life within you
  that creates
  the outer circumstances.

You thus
• approach
  reality
and, at times,
• gain it [i.e., gain or perceive or experience reality]
  in a much more comprehensive way.

Once you connect with
  this reality [i.e., this deeper and more real life within you that creates the outer circumstances you experience],
the
• superficial,
• illusory
  outer appearance [of your circumstances and experiences]
  will become much easier for you to deal with,
  provided
  you do not fall back into seeing it [i.e., seeing the superficial, illusory outer appearance] as
  the only reality
  that counts.

When you do so [i.e., When you fall back into seeing the superficial, illusory outer appearance as the only reality that counts],
you distort
  the truth.
I will say to you, my friends,  
that the new reality  
you are discovering  
will manifest in  
your Center.

You already begin to see it happening.

You will become  
a part of  
the new  
• civilization and  
the new  
• culture  
that is slowly growing.

The forces  
• building  
this new reality  
are, at the same time,  
• destroying  
whatever obstructs this movement.

For  
there cannot be  
• growth and  
• creation  
without also a  
• destruction  
of destructiveness.

Destruction of  
whatever  
• is already obsolete  
and therefore  
• needs to go  
must take place,  
but the manifest consciousness  
• clings to  
it [i.e., clings to whatever is already obsolete and needs to go]  
and

• opposes  
the purifying movement [i.e., opposes the purifying movement that is needed to destroy what is obsolete and needs to go].
These obsolete attitudes may have had their functions in a less developed state of consciousness, but to pursue them [i.e., to pursue these obsolete attitudes] now makes no sense.

You all know how true this is from your individual work.

You find within your soul substance • attitudes and • reactions that were • very understandable and even • appropriate when you were • infants and • small children.

But you hold on to them [i.e., onto these now-outgrown attitudes and reactions] as if they still had reality value.

To the degree that you are doing this [i.e., holding onto these now-outgrown attitudes and reactions], you create • obstructions, • unhappiness, • strife, • frustration, • crisis, and finally • destruction, [i.e., destruction of the now-outgrown attitudes and reactions] so that • the old [i.e., so that the now-outgrown attitudes and reactions] may crumble and • you can begin to build the new [i.e., so you can build the new and now-appropriate attitudes and reactions].
If you are willing to
• give up the
• old,
• obsolete
  attitude and
• adopt a
• new,
• more appropriate
  one,
the
• painful crises and
• destruction
  are unnecessary.

With willingness [i.e., With willingness to give up the old obsolete attitude and adopt a new, more appropriate one]

the change occurs
  most
  • organically,
  • harmoniously, and
  • beautifully.

[Conversely,]
Where you
• hold back deliberately,
where you
• deny [that the new and more appropriate attitude is needed] and
• choose to delude yourself
  • that it [i.e., that not giving up the old attitude and not adopting a
    new, more appropriate attitude] is all right,
  • that it [i.e., that not giving up the old attitude and not adopting a
    new, more appropriate attitude] does not matter, or
  • that you cannot do it [i.e., that you cannot give up the old attitude and adopt a new, more appropriate attitude],
  • that it [i.e., that giving up the old attitude and adopting a new, more appropriate attitude] is too difficult,
you invite
inevitable
• crisis and
• pain.
Exactly the same [i.e., avoiding crises by giving up obsolete attitudes and adopting new now-appropriate attitudes or, conversely, creating crises by not giving up obsolete attitudes and not adopting new now-appropriate attitudes]

applies to
all of humanity as an entity.

• Each individual
  is to
  • all of humanity
  as
  • an aspect or
  • an attitude
  is in relation to
  • your total personality.

Just as you find yourself
in inner strife
because
  part of you wants to
  • grow
  and
  part of you wants to
  • hold back,
so it is with
the planet.

Parts of it [i.e., Parts of the planet]
want to
• grow,
while
other parts
want to
• hold back and
• deny that such a conflict [i.e., a conflict caused by holding back the influx of new consciousness]
even exists.

There are thus
those who
• want change
and
those who
• resist it [i.e., those who resist change]
in the overall entity
to which all of you belong.
Understanding this lecture, my friends, should help you greatly to commit yourself to change on a deeper level of your being.

For change is one of the byproducts of the New Age.

I will now try to explain the importance of change in a very specific area.

Let us return for a moment to the concepts of • good and • evil, meaning by them [i.e., meaning by “the concepts of good and evil”] that which is [good and therefore] • constructive and • in accordance with divine • truth and • law, and that which is [evil and therefore] • opposed to it [i.e., opposed to divine truth and law].

The rigid law that had to exist for the primitive consciousness of the past had to decree • dos and • don'ts, • commands and • prohibitions.
The • totally childish and • self-indulgent consciousness does need such rules imposed from the outside.

Without them • there would have been chaos, and • the most destructive impulses would have been acted out to a much greater degree.

Such severity, however, also brought a certain • rigidity and • superficiality to human existence.

Obeying rules blindly is a temptation to avoid • thinking for oneself and • struggling with the often more complex issues of inner morality.

Blind obedience to rules enhances laziness of thinking, the easy way of • not taking responsibility and • avoiding the often necessary search that must precede • true answers, • enlightenment.
This [i.e., To help you avoid blind obedience to rigid and fixed black and white rules and laziness of thinking]

is why I so often stress in my guidance that your customary belief that

• one action is right and
• the other wrong

is most of the time faulty.

I have painstakingly shown you throughout the years that most of the time either alternative could be governed by

• the most sincere
or
• the most dishonest motives.

Only when you sort out the dishonest motives on both sides [i.e., on both sides of an issue with which you are wrestling] can you

• open the channel to your inner God and
• receive the guidance you require.

This [i.e., Sorting out the dishonest motives on both sides of an issue] means

• labor,
• courage,
• search.

Obeying the outer rule prevents this [i.e., prevents this hard and time-consuming work of sorting out dishonest motives on both sides of an issue].
So what I have shown you about how to approach such questions [i.e., questions of what is truly God’s will in complex issues]

is truly an expression of the New Age consciousness that will spread much more over the planet as humanity develops.

I have also pointed out to you throughout the years how the dualistic approach creates

• confusion and
• distortion of truth in another way.

Some people claim that a specific attitude to life is

• desirable,
while its opposite [i.e., while the opposite attitude to life] is supposed to be

• undesirable.

Others assert the contrary.

Each group uses the

• distortion,
• exaggeration, and
• fanaticism of the other [i.e., of the other group] as a proof that their side is correct.
For example,

• some say
  • introspection
    is the only way of life,
  while
  • outgoingness and
  • extroversion
    are
    • harmful and
    • erroneous.

• Others claim
  • the exact opposite.

• Still others believe only in
  • active expression
    and reject all
  • receptive,
  • passive
    attitudes, and
• vice versa [i.e., some people believe only in receptive, passive attitudes
  and reject all attitudes of active expressions].

Many other
  life attitudes
  are likewise divided.

Whole philosophies
  are based on
  such divisions [i.e., based on some attitudes being right and opposite
  attitudes being wrong and evil];

painstaking treatises are written
  in which
  a lot of
  half-truths
  are used
  to present one side of the matter.

Many issues
  meet this fate of
  rigid division.
I have shown how
the dualistic either/or
is
• rigid,
• shortsighted
and
• no longer applicable.

However,
this [dualistic either/or] polarization
was an inevitable byproduct of
the rule system –
rules which
the primitive consciousness
required
in order to
avoid
destroying
another human being
• willfully,
• blindly, and
• selfishly,
in a state of
emotional alienation
where
the other person's pain
was not
experienced
as real.

I do not say that
humanity has now sufficiently progressed
so that
outer rules
are no longer necessary.

Obviously
this is not yet true.
There are always those who would still harm others
• willfully and
• selfishly,
• cruelly and
• irresponsibly,
in spite of the rules from outside.

But this applies only to the
• darkest,
• most undeveloped aspects
  of the lower self
  of the entity,
• individual
  as well as
• planetary.

To an increasing degree the rules begin to make way for a new inner sense
  of
• morality and
• conscience.

The Christ consciousness that evolves within brings humanity into a state in which
• sooner or later,
• little by little,
  outer rules will become superfluous.
For the inner God knows what is • truth, what is • love, and what is • divine reality, and the personality will act from that innermost center.

This [i.e., The personality acting from that innermost center, from what the inner God knows to be truth, love, and divine reality] can already be seen to a small degree.

As you follow a psychological inner path in your emotional life, no rules are applicable – at least no rules from outside.

But on your inner path you find • the beauty of divine law working in utter perfection, as well as • benign • love and • justice.
• The child,
• the lower self
  in you,
  may blindly rebel against
  the laws,
but once you
want
to awaken,
you must be
overwhelmed
by the grandeur
of this divine scheme
in which
• all is well, and
• there is nothing to fear,
  if
you
choose
to
• see this [divine] plan and
• go with it.

You
know
your
inner truth;
no one else
can tell it to you [i.e., no one else can tell you YOUR inner truth].

No one act
is
• right
or
• wrong
  per se,
on that level [i.e., on that level of YOUR inner truth, that level
  of your divine plan].
Yet it is also true
  at certain times
  that
  your
  • inner plan,
  your
  • divine self,
    • wishes you,
    • needs you
    to go into
      • a certain direction
    and not in
      • another [direction].

But this [i.e., But this inner plan that needs you to go in one direction
and not in another]
cannot be superimposed
from the outside.

Only when you
  • go very deeply into yourself and
  • transcend
    • the rules,
    • the adherence to public opinion,
  • give up
    • the facade and
    • the self-interest
      that comes from the lower self,
    • the need
      • to please,
    as well as
    • the need
      • to rebel and
      • to spite,
will you find
the ultimate truth.

All outer help
can show you
only
  how to go deeply enough
  to recognize
  your investment in
  a false vision of reality.
Those outside of you
• can often see
  the maze you cannot see
and
• can therefore
  help you.

But
the ultimate realization
is that of
your own inner law,
  once you find
your inner God.

The idea of the New Age
points in this direction.

• The outer law
is often parallel to
• the inner law.

Many
• outer laws
are manifestations of
• divine law,
  but [these outer laws]
  have lost
  the dynamic connectedness with
  • their divine origin
  and are therefore
  • disconnected structures.

When it comes to destructive acts of
• killing,
• stealing,
or in other ways
• robbing others of their rights,
there can be no question that
• the outer law
is parallel to
• the inner law.
But then we also encounter more complex situations, where the inner law is not that simple [i.e., not as simple as that law which can be expressed in black and white statements of outer law].

This is where our new approach can bring forth the • truth and • reality of the divine law on an inner level.

At times you may find • the outer law to be completely opposite to • the inner law of God.

A simple example on the crassest outer level of manifestation is the following:

If you happen to live in a land whose government • is corrupt and • requires the individual to commit acts • against humanity – that is, • against God – to follow • the outer law would be going against • divine law.
It requires
a great deal of courage
to
• stand up for
  • the inner truth and
• defy
  • the outer law.

But people
• can lose themselves
  in a maze of
  inner confusion
and
• can take refuge in
  the outer law,
  for that may be
  the easier way.

By the same token,
people could
misuse the words I am saying
  in order to justify
  a lower-self trend
  to defy
  an outer law.

Again,
very close inspection of
  the real
  • motives and
  • attitudes
  is the only
  true answer.

There are
no rules about
• when to
  • follow and
• when to
  • break
  rules,
or
  • how to follow them.
The Christ consciousness is not
• rebellion and
• revolution;

it [i.e., the Christ consciousness] is not, in itself,
• destruction of the old.

It [i.e., The Christ consciousness] is
• reformulation and
• change,
• a new organization of eternal values
  which already existed
    in the old consciousness
  but which must be expressed
    in a new way
      in the New Age.

The Christ consciousness brings a new morality that little by little wipes away the
• outer commandments,
• outer regulations and the
  • outer
    • written and
      • unwritten laws.

Laws are still necessary for quite a time in your terms, but the trend is in this direction.
Where you act out
your lower self,
you need those laws
to protect others.

But where you have outgrown the lower self,
you do not need to be told not to harm others,
you
• know it [i.e., you know not to harm others],
and you
• have no desire to do so [i.e., you have no desire to harm others].

In the more complex matters of personal relationships
to
• self and
• others,
the laws are already dissolving,
for
the new consciousness makes them superfluous.

To the degree you allow God to awaken in you,
outer laws will disappear.

The laws of morality will be
completely flexible.

Each case is different.
But for that [i.e., But for the laws of morality to be completely flexible and fit each case according to inner divine law that uniquely fits each case] you need the
• labor,
• courage and
• honesty
  of self-knowledge
  so that
  you cannot be corrupted
  by
  lower-self motives.

You also need to
• take each individual issue
  separately and
• deal with it
  completely anew.

That is the action of the
• adult,
• mature
  entity,
  and humanity
  is moving toward that goal.

But you cannot do this when you resist change, for this flexible attitude [in which you take each individual situation and deal with it completely anew]
  requires
  a constantly changing world.

  • Freedom
  and
  • change
    are inseparable.

  • Enslavement
  and
  • rigidity
    are equally inseparable.
• If you want it to be all so simple that you won't have to search and put energy and attention into whatever the issue may be,

• if you want it all handed to you,

you need to deal with inflexible rules that confine and enslave.

Only those who have overcome rebellion against authority because they are their own inner authority, because they have that honesty, can be free.

That means embracing change.

Each issue requires a new, different, very flexible approach.

Situations that may appear similar may in fact be quite different and require an entirely new approach.
So

freedom
is completely dependent on
your ability
to change.

Now, my friends,
I have given you material
to ponder;
go deeply
into yourself.

Most of you
are ready to use this material
very productively,
not only on
• the intellectual level,
but also on
• an inner level.

You can begin to institute
true freedom
by your willingness to
change
your
• mind,
your
• beliefs,
your
• attitudes,
your
• assumptions,
by your willingness to
• give up
the obsolete
that confines you
and thus
• liberate
your inner God and
• establish
true self-responsibility.
Then [i.e., When you have done all of this]
   you no longer need
   the confinement of
   rigid rules.

Find that part within
   that can create an echo now
   to the words I have given you.

Let these words
   • nourish and
   • strengthen
       you
       where you need it most.

Make room for
   the ever more emerging new consciousness
   as it spreads on the inner plane
   and
       fully embrace the movement.

Go with it!

Trust that this [i.e., Trust that fully embracing this movement of the ever-more
   emerging new consciousness as it spreads on the inner plane]
   can only
   enhance
       • you
       and
       • your life.

You are all
   being blessed
   in
       • truth
   and
       in
       • love.

Be
   your
   God.
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