

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

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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 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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03	<p><i>Greetings, my very beloved friends.</i></p> <p><i>Blessings for every one of you.</i></p> <p><i>Divine love</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>reaches out to you,</i> • <i>seeps deep into your heart and</i> • <i>embraces you.</i> <p><i>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</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>can and</i> • <i>will</i> <p><i>find within your innermost being if you go all the way with yourself.</i></p>

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04

*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.*

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*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.

	<p><i>The child unfolds its inherent potential to cope with others outside the home.</i></p> <p><i>Such growth continues throughout its entire life span.</i></p>
06	<p><i>When full physical growth is reached, these phases are less noticeable than during childhood; however, they are just as</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><i>• distinct and</i><i>• real.</i> <p><i>These phases always mean</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><i>• change,</i><i>• growth, and</i><i>• higher levels</i> <p><i>of creative self-expression in dealing with the world</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><i>• without</i><i>and</i><i>• within.</i> <p><i>Your physicians know that every few years changes occur in the cellular system.</i></p> <p><i>Actually, the chemical components totally change in the outer structure.</i></p> <p><i>Again, although this process is not noticeable, it is nevertheless very real.</i></p>

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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.*

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*When, however,
the movement
is hindered
as the outer ego-consciousness*

- resists the process,*
- makes itself insensitive to it and*
- ignores its 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.*

09	<p><i>Whenever</i> <i>the consciousness is</i> • <i>open,</i> • <i>in truth,</i> • <i>in accord with divine law,</i> <i>the energies</i> <i>move</i> • <i>organically and</i> • <i>harmoniously.</i></p> <p><i>Wherever</i> <i>the consciousness</i> <i>is contrary to truth,</i> <i>the energies</i> • <i>are inverted</i> <i>and</i> • <i>turn,</i> <i>apparently,</i> <i>against the self.</i></p>
10	<p><i>This process embraces</i> <i>all</i> • <i>being,</i> <i>all</i> • <i>creation.</i></p> <p><i>What applies to</i> • <i>the individual entity</i> <i>applies just as much to</i> • <i>the planet.</i></p> <p><i>The planet Earth</i> <i>is an entity,</i> <i>and</i> <i>the same</i> • <i>laws of growth,</i> <i>the same</i> • <i>stages of unfoldment</i> <i>apply to</i> • <i>it [i.e., apply to the planet Earth]</i> <i>as [apply] to</i> • <i>the individual.</i></p>

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.

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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].*

	<p><i>And then there are those who</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>are very keenly aware of the inner reality</i> <p><i>and</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>see the outer reality for exactly what it is: merely</i>• <i>a reflection, a manifestation [of the inner reality].</i>
12	<p><i>The less evolved organization of consciousness, which is focused only on the outer manifestation, is in a state of separateness.</i></p> <p><i>It [i.e., The less evolved organization of consciousness that is in a state of separateness]</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>is unable to perceive the oneness of all being</i> <p><i>and therefore</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>proceeds in ways that split off</i>• <i>the self from</i>• <i>others.</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Selfishness,</i>• <i>greed,</i>• <i>ruthlessness,</i>• <i>unconcern, and</i>• <i>cruelty</i> <p><i>are manifestations of this turn of mind.</i></p>

	<p><i>Since the precepts behind these [negative] attitudes [of selfishness, greed, ruthlessness, unconcern, and cruelty] are based on illusion,</i></p> <p><i>they [i.e., these negative attitudes of selfishness, greed, ruthlessness, unconcern, and cruelty]</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>must ultimately prove</i>• <i>painful and</i>• <i>unworkable</i> <p><i>and</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>are being destroyed by every new influx of divine energy.</i> <p><i>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.</i></p> <p><i>It often requires a great deal of</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>time and</i>• <i>development</i> <p><i>before the inner meaning of such a crisis can become clear.</i></p>
13	<p><i>The blindness that is unable to perceive the oneness of all being is distinctive –</i></p> <p><i>it is based on the apparent diversity of interests between</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>self</i>and• <i>others.</i>

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.***

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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.***

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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.*

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*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.*

	<p><i>You have all experienced in your purification process how</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>resentful and</i>• <i>deprived</i> <p><i>you feel when you refrain from destructive behavior, and also how [i.e., and conversely, also how]</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>guilty and</i>• <i>self-rejecting</i> <p><i>you feel when you give in to the temptation of following the call of the immediate desire of the lower self.</i></p>
17	<p><i>The laws and mores of civilization in the age just past hinged on</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>this basic duality,</i> <p><i>thus on</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>a limited vision of reality.</i><p><i>At the same time this limited [dualistic] vision was a much needed testing ground.</i></p><p><i>All the manifestations of</i></p><ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>strife and</i>• <i>upheaval,</i>• <i>natural</i><p><i>as well as</i></p><ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>artificial,</i><p><i>expressed this conflict between the seemingly divergent interests of</i></p><ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>the self</i><p><i>and</i></p><ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>others.</i>

*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.*

	<p><i>Those who have acted primarily on the</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>selfish and</i>• <i>destructive</i> <p><i>level</i></p> <p><i>must come to</i></p> <p><i>a change of heart</i></p> <p><i>if the powerful energies</i></p> <p><i>that are being released</i></p> <p><i>on the inner plane of the planet</i></p> <p><i>are to be</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>creative and</i>• <i>constructive</i> <p><i>for them.</i></p> <p><i>Otherwise they will create</i></p> <p><i>unbearable tensions</i></p> <p><i>that will culminate in crisis.</i></p>
18	<p><i>The planet Earth</i></p> <p><i>has come to a stage of development</i></p> <p><i>in which</i></p> <p><i>the old [i.e., dualistic] structure</i></p> <p><i>can no longer be maintained.</i></p> <p><i>It [i.e., The old dualistic structure of planet Earth]</i></p> <p><i>cannot bear the</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>tensions and</i>• <i>restrictions</i> <p><i>of the old limited consciousness.</i></p> <p><i>A new vision must be gained</i></p> <p><i>in which</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>the self</i> <p><i>and</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>others</i> <p><i>are perceived as one.</i></p>

*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.*

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*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.*

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*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.*

	<p><i>There are also many human beings who</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><i>• can and</i><i>• wish to</i><ul style="list-style-type: none"><i>• widen and</i><i>• deepen</i> <p><i>their consciousness according to their plan.</i></p>
21	<p><i>This work is not sufficiently spread on the earth plane and it needs more emphasis.</i></p> <p><i>This will happen.</i></p> <p><i>Your own nucleus here</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><i>• can and</i><i>• will</i> <p><i>play an important role in this task, in exchanges with other New Age centers that</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><i>• are willing to accept the process of becoming</i> <p><i>and</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><i>• do not just let everyone stay wherever they are.</i> <p><i>Work needs to be done.</i></p> <p><i>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:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><i>• liberating God within you,</i><i>• liberating God within the general consciousness of humanity.</i>

22

*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.

23

*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.*

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*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.

	<p><i>On this path you learn to harmonize the whole [growth] process by surrendering all of you to the Christ who is awakening</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><i>• within you,</i><i>• on your plane of inner reality.</i> <p><i>Exactly the same process applies to the planet.</i></p>
25	<p><i>You who</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><i>• have created your Center and</i><i>• experience so much</i><ul style="list-style-type: none"><i>• life and</i><i>• growth,</i><i>• pain and</i><i>• joy and</i><i>• true peace</i> <p><i>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</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><i>• beautiful and</i><i>• meaningful to be real.</i> <p><i>Reality could not be that way [i.e., Reality could not be that beautiful and that meaningful].</i></p> <p><i>It [i.e., The beauty and meaningfulness you experience in short periods at your Center] is too much [to be real], you feel.</i></p>

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.

26

*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].

27

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.

28	<p><i>Understanding this lecture, my friends, should help you greatly to commit yourself to change on a deeper level of your being.</i></p> <p><i>For change is one of the byproducts of the New Age.</i></p> <p><i>I will now try to explain the importance of change in a very specific area.</i></p>
29	<p><i>Let us return for a moment to the concepts of</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><i>• good</i> <p><i>and</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><i>• evil,</i> <p><i>meaning by them [i.e., meaning by “the concepts of good and evil”] that which is [good and therefore]</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><i>• constructive and</i><i>• in accordance with divine</i><i>• truth and</i><i>• law,</i> <p><i>and</i></p> <p><i>that which is [evil and therefore]</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><i>• opposed to it [i.e., opposed to divine truth and law].</i> <p><i>The rigid law that had to exist for the primitive consciousness of the past had to decree</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><i>• dos and</i><i>• don'ts,</i><i>• commands and</i><i>• prohibitions.</i>

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].*

	<p><i>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]</i></p> <p><i>is truly an expression of the New Age consciousness that will spread much more over the planet as humanity develops.</i></p>
30	<p><i>I have also pointed out to you throughout the years how the dualistic approach creates</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><i>• confusion and</i><i>• distortion of truth in another way.</i> <p><i>Some people claim that a specific attitude to life is</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><i>• desirable,</i> <p><i>while its opposite [i.e., while the opposite attitude to life] is supposed to be</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><i>• undesirable.</i> <p><i>Others assert the contrary.</i></p> <p><i>Each group uses the</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><i>• distortion,</i><i>• exaggeration, and</i><i>• fanaticism</i> <p><i>of the other [i.e., of the other group] as a proof that their side is correct.</i></p>

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.*

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*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.*

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*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.*

*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.*

	<p><i>Those outside of you</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>can often see</i> <i>the maze you cannot see</i> <p><i>and</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>can therefore</i> <i>help you.</i> <p><i>But</i></p> <p><i>the ultimate realization</i> <i>is that of</i> <i>your own inner law,</i> <i>once you find</i> <i>your inner God.</i></p>
33	<p><i>The idea of the New Age</i> <i>points in this direction.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>The outer law</i> <i>is often parallel to</i> • <i>the inner law.</i> <p><i>Many</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>outer laws</i> <i>are manifestations of</i> • <i>divine law,</i> <i>but [these outer laws]</i> <i>have lost</i> <i>the dynamic connectedness with</i> • <i>their divine origin</i> <i>and are therefore</i> • <i>disconnected structures.</i> <p><i>When it comes to destructive acts of</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>killing,</i> • <i>stealing,</i> <i>or in other ways</i> • <i>robbing others of their rights,</i> <i>there can be no question that</i> • <i>the outer law</i> <i>is parallel to</i> • <i>the inner law.</i>

*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.*

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*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.*

35

*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].*

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*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.*

	<p><i>So freedom is completely dependent on your ability to change.</i></p>
37	<p><i>Now, my friends, I have given you material to ponder; go deeply into yourself.</i></p> <p><i>Most of you are ready to use this material very productively, not only on</i><ul style="list-style-type: none"><i>• the intellectual level,</i><i>but also on</i><ul style="list-style-type: none"><i>• an inner level.</i></p> <p><i>You can begin to institute true freedom by your willingness to change your</i><ul style="list-style-type: none"><i>• mind,</i><i>your</i><ul style="list-style-type: none"><i>• beliefs,</i><i>your</i><ul style="list-style-type: none"><i>• attitudes,</i><i>your</i><ul style="list-style-type: none"><i>• assumptions,</i><i>by your willingness to</i><ul style="list-style-type: none"><i>• give up the obsolete that confines you</i><i>and thus</i><ul style="list-style-type: none"><i>• liberate your inner God and</i><i>• establish true self-responsibility.</i></p>

	<p><i>Then [i.e., When you have done all of this] you no longer need the confinement of rigid rules.</i></p>
38	<p><i>Find that part within that can create an echo now to the words I have given you.</i></p> <p><i>Let these words</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><i>• nourish and</i><i>• strengthen</i> <p><i>you where you need it most.</i></p> <p><i>Make room for the ever more emerging new consciousness as it spreads on the inner plane and fully embrace the movement.</i></p> <p><i>Go with it!</i></p> <p><i>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</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><i>• you</i> <p><i>and</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><i>• your life.</i> <p><i>You are all being blessed in</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><i>• truth</i> <p><i>and in</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><i>• love.</i> <p><i>Be your God.</i></p>

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