

Pathwork Lecture 245: Cause and Effect on Various Levels of Consciousness

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

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>My beloved friends.</i></p> <p><i>Divine blessings are given to all of you, as this lecture is flowing through the human instrumentality.</i></p> <p><i>The blessing lasts;</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>it [i.e., the blessing]</i><ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>stays</i><i>and</i>• <i>slowly awaits your readiness.</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>It [i.e., The blessing]</i><ul style="list-style-type: none"><i>will come to its full flowering in you as you prepare the ground.</i>

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*As in so many other aspects
of cosmic reality,
here too*

- *the lowest*

and

- *the highest*

*forms of consciousness
have
common features.*

*Yet they [i.e., Yet the lowest and the highest forms of consciousness]
differ enormously*

- in
 - *content,*
- in
 - *attitude,*

and

- in
 - *their underlying*
 - *thoughts*
 - and
 - *feelings.*

*It might be quite easy
for you to understand
that*

- *primitive consciousness*
sees the world
as a series of
unconnected events,
unrelated to
cause and effect.

*It is probably much more difficult
for you to understand
that*

- *in the highest realm of being*
cause and effect
no longer exist.

*It is extremely difficult
to describe this state [i.e., to describe this highest realm of being, this highest
state of consciousness where cause and effect no longer exist]
in human language.*

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*In the sphere of
your present reality
every*

- *act*

has

- *its consequences.*

*It is much more difficult
to see the same relationship
between
your*

- *thoughts,*

or

your

- *subtle inner attitudes,*

and

your

- *overall life circumstances.*

*The more
developed a person is,
the more
he or she can perceive
cause and effect
on the less obvious levels.*

*On this path [i.e., In pathwork],
the development of this perception [i.e., the DEVELOPMENT of this perception
of CAUSE and EFFECT on the less obvious levels of thoughts and
subtle inner attitudes being causes of your overall life circumstances]*

- *is very strongly emphasized*

and

- *becomes*

gradually

more acute.

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***If you commit an overt act –
[say, for example,] you kill someone –
the consequences
will be obvious.***

But

if you

***• malign another human being
by***

- questionable accusations,***
- ill will,***
- blindness***

or

- stubbornness;***

if you

***• refuse to give him or her
the benefit of the doubt***

and

***• do not attempt to
• be open***

and

***• create a different reality
through***

honest communication with this person,

your

***thoughts
are killing him.***

***This secret "killing" [i.e., This secret "killing" through your unloving thoughts
and feelings]***

***has just as severe consequences as a
physical killing.***

At first

***the effects of such actions [i.e., the EFFECTS of such actions, such subtle actions
as thinking and feelings which are CAUSES of
effects that you experience, effects which]***

***may not be
easy to perceive.***

	<p><i>But as you</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>progress in your development</i> <p><i>and</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>raise your consciousness,</i> <i>you will see that there is a</i> <i>definite connection</i> <i>between</i><ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>cause</i><i>and</i><ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>effect</i> <p><i>even when</i> <i>the cause</i> <i>is</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>not an overt act</i> <p><i>but [i.e., but rather only]</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>a hidden thought</i> <i>previously ignored.</i>
08	<p><i>In your</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>three-dimensional world [i.e., In your three-dimensional world</i> <i>of TIME, SPACE, and MOVEMENT],</i> <p><i>representing</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>a certain state of consciousness,</i> <i>you find yourself</i> <i>"in the middle,"</i> <i>as it were.</i> <p><i>This applies to</i> <i>many areas.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Your world is</i> <i>neither</i><ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>all good</i><i>nor</i><ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>all bad.</i>• <i>Your personality is</i> <i>neither</i><ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>all good</i><i>nor</i><ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>all bad.</i>

• *You*
neither live in
• *heaven*
nor in
• *hell.*

You represent
a combination
of both extremes.

Many of you
doubt
that there are
other
• *worlds,*
other
• *realms,*
and therefore
other
• *states of consciousness.*

Your being
half-way
should be a clear indication
that
your sphere
cannot possibly be
the only reality in the universe.

If
some
good exists
in
• *you*
and
in
• *your world,*
greater degrees of
goodness
must exist.

Therefore,
a plane of
all-pervading goodness
must also exist.

*The same
applies to the
bad:*

*If there is a
little
bad
in
• you
and
[in]
• your world,*

*there must also exist
spheres of consciousness
in which there is
• more bad,

and, finally, where
• all is bad.*

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*You are also
half-way
as to
• cause and effect,
or rather
• your perception of it [i.e., half-way as to your PERCEPTION of
cause and effect].*

*It is not
• the object
of your perception
that changes.*

*It is
• your vision [i.e., It is your VISION or PERCEPTION of that OBJECT]
that changes
as you grow.*

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***An act
is irreversible.***

***Its momentary consequences
are irreversible.***

***You may
later
modify the act [i.e., modify the original act],
you may
try to correct it [i.e., you may subsequently try to take further ACTION
in order to reverse or correct the original ACT]
if you see that it [i.e., that the original act]
was a mistake.***

***You may see
the inner current
that led you to the act [i.e., led you to the original act].***

you may use
• this act [i.e., this original act]
and
***• what led to it within you
as material to***
• raise your consciousness
and
• widen your
• vision
and
• perception.

***This way you may,
in time,
neutralize the effects
of a negative act.***

But at the moment [i.e., at the moment that the original act occurred]
***• the act
is irreversible [i.e., the act itself is irreversible],***
***• the consequences
cannot be annulled.***

If consequences

- *exist*
at the moment
as a result of the act,

but

- *can be eliminated*
 - *in time,*
 - *after the elapse of some time,*

you can

gradually

begin to see that

- *cause and effect*
is very much connected to
 - *time.*

Your

- *state of development*
creates a
 - *corresponding reality.*

*This reality [i.e., This reality that you are in]
contains three dimensions:*

*It consists of [i.e., The reality corresponding to
your state of development consists of the three dimensions of]*

- *time,*
- *space,*

and

- *movement;*

it also contains the

- *particular degree of*
cause and effect
you can experience.

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***If you cannot see
that***

- your acts
have
• specific consequences,***

it is impossible to

- see them [i.e., see the acts and their specific consequences]
and***

- use them [i.e., use the acts and the specific consequences]
as***

***indispensable tools
for the development of your soul.***

For example,

***if you do not believe
that a***

- negative thought
has***

- specific
and***

- actually quite tangible***

***results [i.e. has specific and quite tangible corresponding
negative results, effects, or consequences],***

***how could you possibly
be motivated
to correct***

***the thought [i.e., correct the negative thought, which is the CAUSE
of these specific negative EFFECTS, results, or consequences]?***

In time

***your perception
will alter,***

[and when it does]

you can undertake

***the correction of these thoughts [i.e., of these original negative
thoughts that are the CAUSE of the specific
negative EFFECTS you experienced],***

so that,

***again
in time,***

***the effects
will be eliminated.***

*In the same way,
your*

- *life-affirming,*
- *positive*

and

- *truthful*
 - *thoughts,*
 - *attitudes*

and

- *actions*

*have corresponding
desirable
effects.*

If you are

- *unaware of
the relationship
between*
 - *cause*

and

- *effect
in*

*all
areas of your life*

but [instead]

- *perceive
the effects
as*
 - *coincidental*

and

- *haphazard,*

*you will
not be*

- *encouraged*

and

- *strengthened
in the truth
that*
 - *love*

and

- *goodness*

are the supreme power.

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*Let us say [for example]
you are compelled
by inner forces
to commit an
• impulsive
• destructive
act.*

*The
• pain
and
• remorse
that this act will cause
may be instantaneous.*

*You long for
a state of being
in which you can
undo this act,
as if it never happened.*

*Yet you know
that
in the world you live in
this is impossible.*

*How then can it be
that
in higher realms
there is
no
cause and effect?*

*Perhaps at certain times
you can
deeply sense
that
"underneath"
this level of
cause and effect*

*there exists a level
in which you can be
completely untouched
by either*

- the cause
you have set in motion*

or by

- the effect
you have brought about.*

It is

- your higher self
which is unaffected,*
- the divine part of you
that*
 - does not
participate in
any
negative thoughts,*

and

- is not
part of
your destructive*
 - attitudes*

or

- actions.*

But those layers of your personality [i.e., those lower-self layers of your personality] that are still involved in

- *false*
- *perceptions*

and therefore in

- *untruthful*
- *attitudes*

and

- *unloving, destructive*
- *acts,*

must work themselves out of this morass.

This [i.e., This working out of lower-self negativity, this morass of false perceptions, untruthful attitudes, and unloving, destructive acts]

will happen in time.

- *Cause and effect*

and

- *time*

are

intrinsically connected

as different manifestations of the same reality.

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*You can perhaps
also begin to perceive that
the three-dimensional world*

- *with its limitation of [i.e., its limitation of its three dimensions of]*
 - *time,*
 - *space*
- and*
- *movement,*

- *with its*
 - *duality,*

- *with its*
 - *cause and effect,*

is

- *directly related to*
- and*
- *connected with*
 - *impurity,*
 - *distortion,*
 - *limitation of*
 - *vision*
- and*
- *perception.*

*Your three-dimensional perception [i.e., your perception in the three dimensions of
time, space, and movement]*

*is an
untruthful
overall view
of the world.*

At the same time

- *the limitations of*
 - *time,*
 - *space*
- and*
- *movement,*

- *the struggle attached to*
 - *duality,*

and

- *the law of*
 - *cause and effect*

*become the
very tools
the soul needs
to transcend*

*this entire realm of consciousness [i.e., to transcend this
entire realm of consciousness in which you exist].*

- *Perception*
is the
 - *cause of*
certain
 - *actions,*

*which create [i.e., which in turn create and CAUSE]
certain*

- *effects.*

*The effects
can be*

the medicine

needed to overcome

- *distorted perceptions*
which create [i.e., which create and cause]
 - *the causes [i.e., the FURTHER causes, or actions]*
which in turn
create
 - *these effects.*

	<p><i>I have spoken to you before about</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>cause</i> <p><i>and</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>effect</i> <p><i>and</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>the medicine.</i>
14	<p><i>In the highest state of consciousness only the</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>highest,</i>• <i>best,</i>• <i>most</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>creative</i> <p><i>and</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>beautiful</i> <p><i>causes are set in motion.</i></p> <p><i>In this enlightened state of consciousness,</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>cause</i> <p><i>and</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>effect</i> <p><i>are</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>immediately discernible</i> <p><i>and</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>almost simultaneous;</i> <p><i>there is no time-lapse between</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>cause</i> <p><i>and</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>effect.</i>

*The cause
is
the effect.*

*The thought
is
the act.*

*The most
• subtle
and
• secret
attitude
creates
immediate
• results
and
• consequences.*

*There is
no space
to travel
in-between
• cause
and
• effect.*

*They [i.e., CAUSE and EFFECT]
become
truly
one,

as
all
becomes
one
on this level of being [i.e., on this enlightened
level of being].*

*This [i.e., This existence of an “ultimate reality,” which is a term used in several other pathwork lectures, this existence of a reality where ALL becomes ONE] is why you can sense,
at certain times of grace,
that somewhere
deep within
exists
a realm of being
in which
no matter what happens,
you remain
unalterably
• pure,
• divine
and
• good
in your essence.*

*For
your
essence
is the essence
of all.*

*It [i.e., Your essence and the essence of all]
is God.*

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*Conversely,
in the most primitive state of consciousness
even the most
• obvious and
• overt
act
appears isolated
• without
• connections
or
• consequences,
• without
either
• cause
or
• effect.*

*The primitive person
who commits murder
may truly believe
that
his act
has no
further consequences,
either for
• himself
or for
• his victim.*

*It will not occur to him
to search for
the causes
within himself
that create
his desire
to commit the act.*

*Therefore
• the act
is never given the chance
to become
• the medicine
that would,
in time,
• cure
the disease of evil.*

16	<p><i>My beloved friends, it will be of great help for your enlightenment to</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><i>• consider all this very deeply,</i> <p><i>to</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><i>• meditate about it,</i> <p><i>to</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><i>• profoundly take in these words,</i> <p><i>and</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><i>• ask God to</i><ul style="list-style-type: none"><i>• guide you</i> <p><i>and</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><i>• help you absorb them.</i>
17	<p><i>I would now like to discuss</i></p> <p><i>total surrender to God.</i></p> <p><i>You all</i> <i>battle with</i> <i>this central question [i.e., this central question concerning</i> <i>your total surrender to God].</i></p> <p><i>The resistance to</i> <i>follow this</i> <i>call of your soul [i.e., your RESISTANCE to follow</i> <i>this CALL of your SOUL, this call to surrender totally to God]</i> <i>is exactly</i> <i>what causes</i> <i>all</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><i>• discomfort,</i><i>• pain,</i><i>• suffering,</i><i>• anxiety</i> <p><i>and</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><i>• discontent.</i> <p><i>Surrender to God</i> <i>is an</i> <i>innate</i> <i>movement of the soul.</i></p>

*It [i.e., Total surrender to God]
is your
ultimate fate
and
without it
you can
neither
fulfill
• yourself,
nor can you
fulfill
• your task.*

*I wish to discuss
this topic [i.e., this topic of total surrender to God]
in connection with
cause and effect.*

*• Surrender to God,
or
• the lack of it,
affects
every conceivable aspect of your
• inner
and
• outer
life,*

*and
it is
particularly enlightening
to examine it [i.e., to examine “surrender to God,” or the lack of it]
in the framework of this lecture [i.e., in the framework of
“Cause and Effect on Various Levels of Consciousness”].*

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*Let us now consider
some natural effects of
total surrender to God.*

*Since it [i.e., Since total surrender to God]
is
the natural movement
of your soul,
surrendering to God
means
fulfilling your destiny.*

*It [i.e., Total surrender to God]
brings about
• balance
and
• harmony
in your
entire organism.*

*Your mental organism
will be ruled by
• truthful perception,
• clarity of vision,
and
• realistic understanding.*

*You will gain
great
• harmony
and
• peace of mind.*

*• Conflicting perceptions,
• confusion,
and therefore
• frustration,
will disappear.*

*• Enlightenment
and
• insight into apparent conflicts
make all the pieces
of the great puzzle of life
fall into place.*

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*On the emotional level,
this mental
clarification of opposites
creates
an entirely new mode
of
• being,
of
• reacting,
of
• feeling.*

*For example,
• loving
no longer appears
• weakening
and
• humiliating.*

*On the contrary,
it [i.e., loving]
creates
• a healthy pride
and
• dignity.*

*By
surrendering to God,
one avoids
one of the greatest pitfalls
of humankind,

which is
the temptation
to surrender to
superior
negative
power structures.*

	<p><i>The moment you</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>resist</i> <p><i>and</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>obstruct</i><ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>your natural soul movement,</i>• <i>your innate destiny –</i> <i>which is</i> <i>surrender to God –</i> <p><i>you must succumb to</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>a substitute,</i>• <i>a false surrender.</i> <p><i>My friends,</i> <i>this is important to understand.</i></p>
20	<p><i>If you</i> <i>fear</i> <i>a human authority –</i> <i>whether this authority</i><ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>really abuses power</i><i>or</i><ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>you only imagine he or she does so</i> <i>hardly matters –</i><i>it [i.e., your FEAR of a human authority]</i> <i>is because</i> <i>you depend on this authority</i> <i>in some</i><ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>tangible</i><i>or</i><ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>intangible</i> <i>way.</i></p>

*You may then [i.e., Then, when you fear and hence depend on
some human authority, you may]*

respond to your

- *dependency*

and

- *fear*

- *either by*

- *submitting,*

- *selling out,*

and hating yourself for it,

- *or by*

- *blind rebellion*

against the authority,

in order

- *to avoid self-hatred and*

- *to preserve your dignity.*

*But this [i.e., But this “dignity” obtained by rebellion against authority]
is not*

true dignity;

[rather]

it [i.e., rather, this “dignity” obtained by rebellion against authority]

is merely a

blind reaction

based on

- *emotional reflexes*

and

- *turbulent feelings*

that you are mostly

unaware of.

*In both instances [i.e., in both the instance of SUBMITTING to the authority and
the instance of REBELLING against authority]*

you are

- *not clear about the issues,*

you

- *lack the true insight*

you

- *cannot distinguish*

- *whether the authority is indeed abusive*

or

- *whether you react like a child.*

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*If your
total surrender to God
is*

- *genuine,*
- *all-encompassing,*

*you will perceive
with utter clarity
the unworthiness
of an authority
who tries to*

- *subdue you,*
- *abuse you,*
- *exploit you,*

or

- *trample upon your human dignity.*

*It does not matter
whether this person is*

- *a boss
on whom you are financially dependent,*

or

- *a mate
whose love you*

- *crave*

and

- *need.*

If your surrender to God is

- *your primary position in life,*
- *your main*

- *emphasis*

and

- *attitude,*

you

- *will trust God*

and

- *will know that your trust [i.e., your trust in God]
is completely justified.*

*You can then
find the courage
to risk
losing
the object
of your need.*

*By setting God above all,
you will clearly see
that the human authority
may be abusive,
and
you can then
choose
to pay the price,

which may be
to give up
what this authority
holds out for you
because
your
• dignity
and
• inner freedom
are more important.*

*Your
autonomy
can only grow
out of
total surrender to God.*

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*A further consequence
of giving over to God

will be a need to
change
your situation

in order to
fulfill
your real needs
without
the enslavement
of your soul.*

***This might mean [i.e., This change in your situation
to fulfill your real needs might mean]***

a new
• ***position,***
a new
• ***boss,***
a new
• ***relationship or***
a new
• ***mate.***

***The new authorities in your life
will be,***

***like you,
autonomous people
whose
inner soul movement [i.e., whose inner soul movement, like yours,]
follows the call
to set
God
ahead of all else.***

***They will
not need
to abuse their power,
a power invested in them
by virtue of
other people's needs.***

***Or you may even find
that [i.e., that, without even having to change your boss or mate,]
the very same people [i.e., the people by whom you felt abused before] –
boss or mate –
will react differently
to your
changed attitude.***

***They may also [i.e., They may also, like you experienced,]
have a conflict
between their
• higher-self
and
• lower-self
attitudes.***

	<p><i>They may [i.e., The people by whom you felt abused before, now may]</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>set you inwardly free</i> <p><i>and</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>respect your dignity, so that the relationship between you will become a mutual</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>giving and receiving.</i>
23	<p><i>If your perception is distorted and [i.e., and because of this distorted perception] you assume that any authority is out to</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>humiliate and abuse you,</i> <p><i>your total surrender to God will show you your misconceptions [i.e., will SHOW you your misconceptions and distorted perception that ANY authority is out to abuse you]</i></p> <p><i>and your perception [i.e., your initially distorted perception – that ANY authority is out to abuse you] will adjust to reality.</i></p> <p><i>Thus you will no longer be compelled to rebel against</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>a rightful authority who merely expects your rightful part in the mutual venture.</i>

Rebellion

***against any authority
often masks your own
hidden desire***

- ***to have power over others***
- and
- ***to abuse this power.***

***You may never have thought of it in this way,
but when***

- ***your self-will
governs your life,***

and

- ***you have
strong feelings of***
 - ***humiliation***
- and
- ***powerlessness
whenever***

***your self-will
is not fulfilled,***

then you

***will be led to believe
that you
must***

either

- ***become the greatest power in your universe – God –***
- or you must
- ***be annihilated.***

To avoid

***total annihilation,
you may tend to
bow***

- ***to substitute powers,***
- rather than
- ***to God's will.***

You may choose to submit to

- *another,*
- *stronger*

or

- *seemingly stronger person:*

a

- *mate,*

a

- *boss,*

a

- *dictator.*

By serving them,

*you hope to gain
the superior position
yourself.*

*Or you may seek
the power of*

- *money*

or

- *position,
which then become
substitutes for God.*

*Or you may
feel powerful
by*

- *staying aloof from others,*
- *never fully opening your heart,*

but

- *making yourself desirable,
playing into
other people's*

- *misconceptions*

and

- *neurotic needs.*

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• *Submission to substitute*
• *authority*
and
• *power,*
as well as
• *indiscriminate rebellion*
against
all
authority,

are both
• *results – effects –*
of the
• *cause*
that is set in motion
when your
natural soul movement
of surrendering to God
is
• *denied*
and
• *obstructed.*

When
God
is recognized
as the highest authority,
all
falls into place.

Otherwise [i.e., Otherwise, when you do NOT recognize God as the highest authority,]
you must be
confused
about the authority
you
• *need*
and
• *serve,*

not knowing
• *when it is appropriate*
to follow the lead
and [i.e., and, on the other hand,]
• *when self-assertion is called for.*

*When
surrender to God
is your primary position,
• you are clearly aware of
what is what,
and
• you can then
follow suit
with your action
without inner conflict.*

*You will admit
that
• you have needs,
that
• in certain areas of your life an
• authority
or
• leader
is necessary,
that
• you have a role to play
in this relationship [i.e., in this relationship with this authority or leader],
and in accepting it [i.e., in accepting this role with the leader]
• you can only heighten
your
• selfhood
and
your
• true dignity.*

*By following this leader
you can never lose your soul,
because
your soul
belongs to God,

who returns it to you
• stronger,
• cleaner,
and
• with greater autonomy than ever.*

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***Resistance
to your destiny
to surrender
all***

of yourself to
• God
and
• His will for you

must create a
• real,
• permeating
and
• weakening
guilt.

***So much of
your***

- weakness,***
- hesitation,***
- self-doubt,***

***so many of
your***

- self-punishing patterns***

***are a direct result of this [i.e., a direct result of your RESISTANCE to
surrender ALL of yourself to God and the GUILT you
feel for this resistance].***

*No matter
how many
psychological explanations
you may find –
and they may be true
on their level –*

*this self-defeating pattern [i.e., this self-defeating pattern of weakness, hesitation,
self-doubt, and self-punishing]*

*can never be
• reversed
and
• transformed*

unless

*you heal yourself
spiritually*

*by giving over
all*

*of yourself,
in*

*• all
areas of your life*

*and
in*

*• all
respects,*

to the Creator.

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*When this [i.e., When this total surrender to God]
happens –
and of course it is
not
a one-time endeavor,
but
one that needs
to be repeated
• daily
and
• in all issues of your life –*

*you will experience
• a new strength
and
• a sense of self
that you never knew before.*

*This [i.e., This experience of a new strength
and sense of self that you never knew before]
will appear
almost paradoxical.*

*Deep down
you always
feared
that by giving over to God
you would lose yourself.*

*But now you find,
as palpable reality,
that Jesus' words are true:*

*You must
• lose yourself –
in God –
in order to
• find yourself.*

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*This
new strength
will suddenly
become a
spontaneous movement.*

*The wisdom
to choose*

- *when to
use positive aggression*

and

- *when to
give in gracefully,*

*will be in you
as an almost
instantaneous knowing,*

*out of which
the appropriate act
will flow.*

The

- *positive,*
- *energetic,*
- *aggressive*

*movement
will replace*

- *childish*

and

- *destructive*
 - *rebellion*

and

- *denial.*

Graceful

- *giving in,*
- *yielding,*
- *following,*
- *accepting –*
even when your
self-will
may not like it –
will replace
 - *humiliation,*
 - *self-denial,*
 - *submission*
based
on
 - *fear**and*
on
 - *distrust*
of life.

*In both instances [i.e., in BOTH instances of positive, energetic, aggressive movement
AND instances of giving in, yielding, following, and accepting]
you may make choices
in new ways.*

*Where you would formerly
have submitted weakly,
you may now*

- *follow*

and

- *yield*

with your dignity intact.

*Or you may find
that
positive aggression
is in order.*

*Then,
where formerly you
would have*

- blindly*

and

- destructively*

*rebelled,
you may now
stand up,*

but this time

- in a new spirit,*
- out of different motives,*
- with a clearer*
 - vision*

and

- knowledge.*

*Your stance
will thus have
an entirely different effect
on*

- others*

*and
on*

- yourself.*

*The tenor of your aggression
will be different.*

*Or you may come to see that
after all
the situation requires
not*

- *fighting*

but

- *giving in,*

*that it [i.e., that giving in]
is*

- *fair,*
- *right,*
- *necessary,*
- *justified*

and

- *good for all concerned,*

and

that there was

no

- *injustice*

or

- *abuse*

*that would require
your aggression.*

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*Positive aggression
is not only
necessary to expose*

- *injustice*

and

- *abuse,*

however.

It [i.e., Positive aggression]

is not merely

- ***a responsive
action,***

but must also be

- ***an initial [i.e., an initial or initiating]
action.***

This kind of]

***positive aggression [i.e., This kind of INITIATING positive aggression]
is necessary***

to

- ***move out,***

to

- ***expand,***

to

- ***improve,***

to

- ***create –***

whether within

- ***yourself***

or in

- ***your environment.***

No negative

inner material

can be transformed

without this

energetic movement

surging forth.

When this movement

surges forth

in a

- ***healthy,***

- ***organic***

way,

it [i.e., this positive aggressive movement surging forth]

is

neither

- ***depleting***

nor

- ***effortful.***

*It [i.e., Rather, this positive aggressive movement surging forth]
is*

- *a release*
- and*
- *a liberation*
that energizes
the entire organism.

*But this is
only so*

- with the*
- *appropriate,*
 - *organic*
- aggression*
that is in accordance with
God's will.

*The new positive reality
you all strive to create
can come to pass
only when you are
free from the confusions
that inevitably arise
as a result of
denying*

- *your soul movement,*
- *your inner call*
to give over to God.

*In the new reality
you will no longer have to ask*

- *when you should*
 - *stand up*
- and*
- *assert yourself*

and

- *when you should*
 - *give in*
- and*
- *follow.*

[In the new reality]

***You will no longer
doubt the nature of***
• *a human authority*
or
• *person*
you
• *depend on*
and
• *need,*
and
• *his or her motives.*

***You will not have to
grapple with
your intellect only,
which could never
give you this insight.***

***You will
know
spontaneously.***

***The knowledge will
be there,***
• *in front of you,*
• *clear*
and
• *strong,*
• *without a doubt.*

*You will
flow out of
the center of your being,
where*

- *God reigns,*

where

- *Christ is king,*

and

where

- *all is right with*
 - *you,*
 - your*
 - *actions,*
 - your*
 - *perceptions,*
 - your*
 - *knowledge,*
 - your*
 - *reactions*

and

- your*
 - *feelings.*

The

- *peace*

and

- *one-pointedness*

that you long for
lies in this key,
my beloved friends.

Use this key.

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*We hope that this lecture
will have brought you
a step nearer
to making
your*

- *surrender to God*

your

- *primary goal.*

*Your entire life
will change*

- *in the sense I discussed,*

and also

- *in many other ways*
which I will touch upon in the future.

You thus set a

- *new cause*
in motion
that will bring
 - *new effects.*

*Many of your
life circumstances
that you
no longer like*

are

- *the result,*

or

- *the effect,*

of holding back from

- *trusting God*

and [i.e., and holding back from]

- *giving over to Him.*

*You may have done so [i.e., You may have trusted God and given over to Him]
in*

*some areas of your life,
and*

*there [i.e., and there, in those areas where you may have trusted
God and given over to Him,]*

the effects are

- *desirable*

and

- *joyous.*

*The cause [i.e., The CAUSE, here trusting God and giving over to Him]
creates*
commensurate effects [i.e., commensurate EFFECTS, here joy].

But
your soul is divided,
and
there are many areas
in which this [i.e., in which this trusting God
and turning matters over to Him]
may
not have happened
as yet.

It is there [i.e., It is there in these areas where you have NOT trusted God]
that you need to change
your fundamental relationship
to your Creator.

Where you have
• fear,
• insecurity,
• anxiety,
• self-doubt,
• conflict with others,
• altercations with your environment,
or any kind of
• unfulfillment
or
• frustration,

there
the underlying cause
must be
that
you deny the call of your soul [i.e., the CALL of your SOUL,
which is to trust God and turn all matters over to Him].

Use this [i.e., USE any place where you experience fear, insecurity, anxiety etc., this]
• clear
and
• simple
gauge [i.e. this gauge to show you where you need to trust God
and turn matters over to Him].

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*My beloved friends,
the blessings
extended to all of you
are specifically directed
at this time
toward
helping you to
give over to Him*

Who

• holds you,

Who

• contains you,

Who

• makes you

• safe

and

• secure,

Who

• infuses

His

• truth

and

His

• love

into

all

your being,

so that you

become

an instrumentality

for

Him.

*Make it [i.e., Make becoming an instrumentality for Him]
a reality.*

Be blessed.

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