

# Pathwork Lecture 246: Tradition: Its Divine And Distorted Aspects

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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><b><i>My beloved friends,</i></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b><i>you are</i></b> <b><i>in the presence of</i></b> <b><i>Christ,</i></b></li></ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><i>He is here,</i></b> <b><i>always</i></b> <b><i>with you;</i></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b><i>you have</i></b> <b><i>God's blessings.</i></b></li></ul> <p><b><i>Reach out</i></b> <b><i>so that you can</i></b> <b><i>be helped</i></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b><i>where you</i></b> <b><i>need it most,</i></b></li><li>• <b><i>when you are in</i></b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b><i>disturbance or</i></b></li><li>• <b><i>disharmony</i></b> <b><i>of any nature.</i></b></li></ul></li></ul>

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04

*Many of you  
find yourselves  
in turmoil  
because  
you feel that I  
now  
"bring in"  
Jesus Christ.*

*This [i.e., That I am just now "bringing in" Jesus Christ]  
is an error  
in your perception;*

*I have  
always  
talked about His existence,  
from the very beginning  
of my task with you.*

*There was a period  
in which we had to  
emphasize  
your inner processes;*

*you had to learn  
the subtleties of  
the unconscious processes  
in order to explore yourselves  
in depth.*

*Only through this exploration  
can*

- a belief in God and*
- a commitment to*

*all His aspects  
become meaningful.*

	<p><i>Only through self-exploration can you find out God's truth.</i></p> <p><i>Otherwise [i.e., Without self-exploration] you are</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>superimposing a belief,</i></li><li>• <i>covering up whatever unconscious material there may exist in you that you need to deal with.</i></li></ul>
05	<p><i>I am a spirit of truth, my friends, and I could never, I would not, lead you astray.</i></p> <p><i>If I speak of Jesus Christ's reality, which is an aspect of God's reality, it is so only because you no longer need to erect barriers of any sort.</i></p> <p><i>Barriers can take many forms.</i></p> <p><i>We have worked with barriers of a subtle nature, for many years.</i></p>

*All I am asking you now  
is to open yourselves up  
to new*

- *considerations and*
- *possibilities;*

*I am  
not asking you  
to accept my words  
blindly.*

*If my words  
are not truth,  
you should  
not accept them.*

*But if they [i.e., But if my words]  
are [truth],  
you must  
not barricade yourselves  
against them.*

*For it is necessary  
to*

- *know,*

*to*

- *grasp,*

*to*

- *experience*  
*whatever truth exists*  
*so that you can*
  - *attain your*  
*full potential and*
  - *be who you*  
*ultimately are.*

06

*The topic of this lecture  
is the meaning  
of tradition.*

*Let us first examine  
what tradition means  
in its*

- *best sense,*

*and then*

*what it means  
when it is*

- *distorted.*

*Many human beings  
have distinct images  
about tradition.*

*These images  
trigger off  
conditioned reflex reactions*

- *as soon as*

*this term [i.e., the term “tradition”]  
is mentioned or*

- *when human conditions  
reflect adherence to tradition  
either in its*

- *real*

*or in its*

- *distorted  
sense.*

07

*Tradition  
in its real sense  
means  
the continuation of faith  
in eternal*

- *truths and*
- *values.*

	<p><b>Once</b> <b>a cosmic reality</b> <b>has been</b> <b>• discovered and</b> <b>has been</b> <b>• expressed</b> <b>in human life,</b> <b>those who experience</b> <b>the inevitable</b> <b>• beauty,</b> <b>• goodness and</b> <b>• rightness</b> <b>of it [i.e., of this newly discovered cosmic reality],</b> <b>logically</b> <b>attempt to continue</b> <b>its expression.</b></p> <p><b>Please keep in mind that</b> <b>• all true values,</b> <b>• values of whatever nature,</b> <b>must have been</b> <b>at one point in time</b> <b>a breakthrough</b> <b>from the world of spirit.</b></p>
08	<p><b>To keep these values alive,</b> <b>it is necessary</b> <b>to</b> <b>• feel and</b> <b>• inwardly experience</b> <b>the particular truth in question.</b></p> <p><b>Ritual celebrations</b> <b>can do this [i.e., can keep these values alive by giving participants in</b> <b>the ritual celebrations the feelings and inward</b> <b>experiences of the particular truth in question],</b> <b>but they [i.e., but ritual celebrations]</b> <b>are not necessarily</b> <b>a guarantee</b> <b>for the continuous aliveness</b> <b>of a specific truth.</b></p>

*A ritual  
can be  
an empty gesture.*

*True tradition  
is therefore*

- *a continuous re-experiencing  
of the original breakthrough  
from*
  - *inner worlds or*
  - *other realities,*
- *a re-experiencing today  
of a dynamic aliveness,  
no matter how long ago  
the tradition may have been formed.*

*Tradition,*

*in its best sense,*

*means*

*adherence*

- *to eternal values or*
- *to certain aspects of these values,  
depending on  
which particular tradition  
we have in mind.*

09

*Tradition  
in its distorted sense  
means*

- *a dead weight,*
- *a meaningless carryover.*

*This [i.e., a distorted tradition today being a dead weight or a meaningless  
carryover from the past]*

*does not necessarily mean  
that a specific tradition  
did not contain  
eternal*

- *values and*
- *truths*  
*at the time it came forth.*

	<p><i>But at the present time</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>its true meaning may be</i><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>disregarded or</i></li><li>• <i>forgotten,</i></li></ul></li><li>• <i>the rituals involved may be mechanically repeated and thus</i><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>the tradition has been deadened;</i></li><li>• <i>its reality has become</i><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>flattened</i></li></ul></li><li>• <i>or even</i><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>totally obliterated.</i></li></ul></li></ul></li></ul>
10	<p><i>Tradition</i> <i>in its distorted sense</i> <i>might involve</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>a meaningful truth,</i></li><li>• <i>an experience,</i></li><li>• <i>a custom</i> <i>that was valid</i><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>at a certain time in history,</i></li><li>• <i>under certain conditions and</i></li><li>• <i>in specific circumstances.</i></li></ul></li></ul> <p><i>Continuing</i> <i>these same</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>acts or</i></li><li>• <i>attitudes or</i></li><li>• <i>customs</i> <i>under</i><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>completely different circumstances,</i></li></ul> <i>under</i><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>conditions where</i> <i>the meaning of this tradition</i> <i>has been lost</i></li></ul></li></ul> <p><i>is therefore</i> <i>a process of</i><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>death,</i></li></ul> <i>rather than of</i><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>life.</i></li></ul></p>



- *Carrying over a tradition  
in an unthinking attitude,*
  - *adhering to a blind habit*
    - *that does not make sense,*
    - *that fails to elucidate  
through*
      - *acts or*
      - *attitudes*
- the divine truth  
contained in the tradition in question,  
signifies death.*

*Aliveness  
always means*

- *a dynamic thinking process,*
- *an awareness –*

*not*

- *blind repetition.*

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*So you see, my friends,*

- *tradition can be*
  - *an intensely meaningful  
reality, or*
- *it [i.e., or tradition] can be*
  - *a*
    - *meaningless,*
    - *dead*

*repetition of the past  
that no longer  
has any application  
in the now.*

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*Human responses  
to tradition  
are deeply embedded in the personality.*

*All aspects of society  
are influenced by  
each individual's attitude  
to tradition;*

- *whether a person  
is aware of  
a tradition's real meaning  
as applicable today*

*or*

- *whether he or she  
is in distortion  
and  
is merely repeating an act  
out of habit,*

*makes a great deal of difference.*

- *Politics  
and  
religion,*  
*to name but a few  
aspects of life,*

- *are very clearly  
influenced by  
and also*
- *reflect*

*a specific society's  
attitude to tradition.*

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*There are those  
who put so much value on tradition  
that all common sense  
goes overboard  
when a tradition is at stake.*

*They believe that  
only what conforms  
to*

- tradition,*

*to*

- the past,*

*is of any value.*

*They rigidly reject  
any change,  
which is of course  
a most foolish attitude,  
because  
the very tradition  
they adhere to  
now  
came into being at one time  
through change.*

*Without  
continuous change,  
• alive  
• unchanging  
verities  
cannot be lived.*

*True tradition  
must therefore  
always be coupled  
with change.*

	<p><i>The healthy balance of the soul of the earth can be</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>attained and</i></li><li>• <i>maintained</i></li></ul> <p><i>when</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>tradition</i></li></ul> <p><i>and</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>change</i></li></ul> <p><i>interphase in a harmonious dance.</i></p>
14	<p><i>Those who follow tradition</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>blindly and</i></li><li>• <i>meaninglessly</i></li></ul> <p><i>create</i></p> <p><i>extreme orthodoxies</i></p> <p><i>in</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>religion and</i></li><li>• <i>politics –</i></li></ul> <p><i>and of course</i></p> <p><i>within</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>the human soul.</i></li></ul> <p><i>Such orthodoxy imposes on society</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>a heaviness and</i></li><li>• <i>a resistance to change.</i></li></ul> <p><i>It [i.e., Such orthodoxy with its imposed resistance to change] springs</i></p> <p><i>from the misunderstood message of the soul to preserve</i></p> <p><i>the</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>truths,</i></li></ul> <p><i>the</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>beauty, and</i></li></ul> <p><i>the</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>values</i></li></ul> <p><i>that were given in the past.</i></p>

***But it is forgotten  
that these truths [that were given in the past]  
came  
as a result of  
• the soul's struggle  
to find  
divine meaning and  
because of  
• the personality's willingness  
to overcome  
the fear of change.***

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***There are also those  
who  
rebel against  
all  
tradition;  
  
they rebel against  
its [i.e., against tradition's]  
• meaningless,  
• dead  
manifestation,  
  
just as much as against  
its [i.e., against tradition's]  
• real,  
• alive  
manifestation.  
  
This blind attitude [of those who rebel against both dead and alive tradition]  
is a result of the belief  
that  
• only new findings  
can be of value,  
that  
• all that has existed in the past  
must be  
• inferior or  
• invalid.***

	<p><i>It [i.e., This blind attitude by those who rebel against all tradition] overlooks the fact that eternal values</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><i>• have always existed and</i></li><li><i>• will always exist and</i></li><li><i>• can always</i></li></ul> <p><i>break through to consciousness, provided certain prerequisites are being fulfilled.</i></p>
16	<p><i>The new-age person will neither</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><i>• blindly worship tradition,</i></li></ul> <p><i>nor</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><i>• blindly rebel against it [rebel against tradition].</i></li></ul> <p><i>He or she will take every specific tradition, as it becomes an issue in his life, and will examine it [i.e., examine this specific tradition] with</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><i>• intelligence and</i></li><li><i>• self-honesty.</i></li></ul> <p><i>Do you have a personal stake in maintaining this or that tradition?</i></p> <p><i>Does living this tradition make sense in your life now?</i></p> <p><i>What does it [i.e., What does this tradition] mean to you, and why are you</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><i>• adhering to it or</i></li><li><i>• rejecting it?</i></li></ul>

*When you examine life's issues  
in that way [i.e., by honestly looking at your motivations for adhering to or  
rejecting a specific tradition that has become an issue in your life],  
you will find  
the most constructive way  
in which you can*

- continue your traditions and*
- make them new  
most meaningfully.*

*If you have  
the right attitude,  
you will  
never rebel  
when an old tradition*

- is discontinued, or*

*when it [i.e., or when an old tradition]*

- is replaced by  
new*
- customs,*
- rituals and*
- celebrations.*

*Ask yourself if  
the old tradition*

- has been superseded by*
- truths and*
- values*

*that are  
more meaningful  
for you  
today*

- or not.*

***With this attitude*** [toward evaluating an old tradition's meaningfulness for you today, or determining that it has been superseded by truths and values that are more meaningful for you today]

***you will live  
in a  
dynamic now;***

***you will be able to***  
***• value what deserves to be valued  
from the past,***

***but***

***you will also be able to***  
***• let go of the past  
and thus***  
***• create***  
***• a new future,  
rather than***  
***• a dead repetition of the past.***

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***On this earth sphere  
you talk about***  
***• old  
and  
• new.***

***Often these words ["old" and "new"]  
carry***  
***• positive  
and  
• negative  
connotations.***

***It can be either way.***



*Some people think of*

- *the old*

*as*

- *all good,*
- *all benign,*
- *unthreatening and*
- *full of values,*

*while anything*

- *new*

*they regard as*

- *threatening,*
- *disrupting,*
- *wrong,*
- *bad.*

*These people are, of course,  
the traditionalists.*

*There are also those who see*

- *anything old*

*as*

- *outdated,*
- *undesirable and*
- *bad,*

*while*

- *anything new*

*is*

- *totally desirable and*
- *good.*

*I hardly need to point out that  
here again*

*you are face to face*

*with an apparent duality*

*which you can transcend*

*when you see the*

- *positive*

*and*

- *negative*

*possibilities*

*in both extremes [i.e., the duality that all old is all good while all new is all bad at one extreme, and all new is all good while all old is all bad at the other extreme].*

*On a level of  
deeper spiritual reality,  
neither of these terms [i.e., neither "old" nor "new"]  
makes any sense.*

*There is*  
• *neither old*  
• *nor new,*  
*and*  
*there is*  
• *both [old and new].*

*Everything  
already*  
• *exists*  
*and*  
*always*  
• *has existed,*  
*and*  
*always*  
• *will exist.*

*What is  
new on earth  
is that a certain aspect of  
ultimate reality  
"vibrates through" [from the world of what you may call spirit]  
into  
the world of matter.*

*You must remember that  
the level of matter  
is a condensation  
of finer vibratory forms.*

*These [finer vibratory] forms  
exist already  
in what you may call  
spirit.*

*All life*  
• *pulsates,*  
• *expands and*  
• *contracts.*

*Matter  
comes into existence  
by spiritual forms  
pulsating "outwardly."*

*When the contraction occurs,  
• life withdraws  
and  
• matter disintegrates.*

*Although I have spoken about this before,  
you often  
• forget these ideas and  
• do not think of your life  
in these terms.*

*The more  
you can remind yourself  
of this truth and  
the more  
you feel it [i.e., feel this truth that matter comes into existence by spiritual  
forms pulsating "outwardly" and that when the contraction  
occurs, life withdraws and matter disintegrates]  
in your  
• life and  
in your  
• ideas,  
the closer  
you will come  
to  
being in truth.*

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*The forms  
that exist in the world of finer vibrations  
do not only manifest  
as objects,  
although objects  
certainly bear witness to  
the existence of these forms.*

*There is  
no object on earth  
that does not have its origin  
in spirit,  
where it [i.e., where the object manifesting on earth]  
is perhaps "used"  
in a different way,  
because of  
the different conditions  
that exist in the world of spirit.*

*Its [i.e., this earth-object's]  
essence  
is "pulsated through"  
into matter,  
and there [i.e., there in matter on the earth plane]  
it [i.e., this earth-object whose origin is in spirit]  
recreates  
its original form [i.e., the form that it had in spirit]  
in a  
• modified way,  
in a  
• symbolic way,  
in an  
• adjusted way  
that fits the circumstances  
on this level of reality [i.e., on this level of reality  
of the earth plane].*

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*Aside from  
• objects  
we are of course  
dealing with  
• concepts,  
• abstract ideas,  
• values,  
• truths,  
• laws,  
and so on.*

*It is often hard for a human being  
to imagine  
that  
an idea  
existed in finer vibratory form  
before it reached  
his or her consciousness.*

*The many*  

- *abstract concepts and*
- *laws*

*I have discussed with you  
throughout the years of our work  
are*  

- *realities*

*in our sphere of life.*

*Like objects,  
concepts  
often differ  
in*  

- *application and*
- *meaning*

*in the two spheres [i.e., in our sphere and your earth-sphere],  
because  
on your [earth] plane  
you only perceive*  

- *very simplified and*
- *cruder*

*manifestations  
of these*  

- *ideas,*
- *concepts and*
- *laws.*

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*To return to the concept of tradition:*

*Tradition  
in our world  
describes  
merely an aspect  
of a certain specific reality.*

*It [i.e., Tradition]  
refers to  
the reality  
of valuing  
eternal truth  
in its  
• manifold manifestations,  
or perhaps  
in a  
• certain specific manifestation.*

*As this attitude [i.e., this attitude of valuing eternal truth]  
vibrates through  
into your dimension of reality,  
it becomes  
• diminished,  
• modified and  
• separated from  
its  
entire  
meaning.*

*This [diminishment, modification, and separation from its entire meaning]  
is inevitable,  
since your reality  
is a much-diminished one  
in which  
a unity  
is split into  
a duality,  
whereby  
much of its original meaning  
is  
• lost or  
• distorted.*

*It is always possible  
for you to*

- *recapture the original meaning*

*and thus*

- *open up to a further influx  
of various levels  
which together  
will depict  
a more complete reality.*

*Such openings*

- *occur through  
specific*
- *mental attitudes and  
activities, and*
- *are the result of  
the struggle  
to see beyond  
the limited confines of your world.*

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*The other aspect –  
counter-tradition –  
also exists*

- *in our world,*
- *in our dimension of reality  
that is always ready*
- *to break into  
your reality*

*and thus*

- *to expand  
your reality.*

*It [i.e., This counter-tradition]  
exists as*

*the constant movement  
toward*

- *renewing and*
- *giving new life to  
the eternal*
- *truths and*
- *laws.*

*So*  
• *the old*  
*and*  
• *the new*  
*exist*  
*in the timeless reality*  
*of eternal now –*  
*not as*  
• *old*  
*and*  
• *new*  
*timewise,*  
*but as*  
• *concepts or*  
• *attitudes*  
*with a specific*  
• *meaning and*  
• *expression*  
*behind them.*

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*Let us consider*  
*the movement of*  
• *your path,*  
• *this particular path*  
*I first brought to you*  
*a few years ago.*

*When you look back,*  
*you will see*  
*a spiral movement,*  
*which is the movement*  
*of the great life currents.*

*You see*  
• *certain repetitions*  
*in the spirals,*  
• *phases re-encountered*  
*on deeper levels*  
*with new understanding.*



*These aspects [that are re-encountered on deeper levels with new understanding  
on subsequent repetitions in the spirals]*

*appeared as  
new  
when you first gained them  
in the previous curve.*

*Thus  
the old truth,  
[that was] learned in the previous curve,  
makes new sense [on subsequent curves]  
because of  
the additional material  
you have learned on the way [i.e., material you have  
learned since the time you encountered the original  
truth in the previous curve on the spiral].*

*What was once*

- an entirely new truth,*
- a revelation,*

*later  
becomes renewed  
in repetition –  
an old truth  
under new light.*

*But the renewal  
could take place  
only because  
other truths –*

- new*

*and*

- old –*

*have been discovered  
along the way.*

*They [i.e., Truths] are  
new  
in the sense that they have been  
unknown by the individual;  
they are  
old  
in the sense that  
they existed  
before  
they were known to the individual.*

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*The same spiral movement  
exists in  
the personal  
• development and  
• growth  
process  
of each individual.*

*You cannot fail to see it [i.e., fail to see the same spiral movement in the personal  
development and growth process of each individual]  
if you observe it  
• clearly,  
• with full consciousness.*

*The material of the lectures,  
which is  
the groundwork  
of the rhythm you follow,  
lays the plan  
for this [spiral] movement [in the process of personal development and  
growth of each individual]  
that is  
very organically adapted  
to a much greater reality  
than what you can perceive.*

*Every expansion  
you have ever experienced on this path –  
and there were quite a few –  
always meant  
• the incorporation of  
• hitherto unknown –  
• new to you –  
aspects of inner reality  
and therefore  
• a new approach  
to your work.*

*The organic movement [i.e., the organic spiral movement in the personal development and growth of each individual]*

*brought about  
seemingly miraculous changes of personality  
in the best sense;*

*it brought*

- *new fulfillment and*
- *the awakening  
of previously dormant potentials.*

*A new abundance  
made itself  
more  
and more  
noticeable,  
on all levels,*

- *in many individuals and*
- *in your path*
  - *as a whole,*
  - *as an entity.*

25

*Yet there was also  
great resistance  
to*

- *expansion of thinking,*

*to*

- *each innovation,*
- *each new*
  - *approach,*
  - *method, or*
  - *spiritual concept*

*I gave you.*

*Each new*

- *approach or*
- *expansion of seeing –  
witnessing the world  
in a new light –  
has always created  
a sense of threat.*

*You wish to hold on to  
the old familiar approach  
which is known to you,  
to keep  
the confines of*

- *thinking and*
- *perceiving*
  - *untouched,*
  - *unexpanded.*

*Here [i.e., By resisting to the new, feeling the new to be a threat, and holding on  
to the old familiar approaches to life]*

*you become  
a traditionalist.*

*In the distortion  
of the personality  
all principles  
exist in distortion,*

*just as in the purified part  
of the personality  
all principles  
exist*

- *in truth,*
- *faithful to their real meaning.*

26

*Each new phase  
is greeted with  
rebellion against  
the authority  
that presents you with  
what seems to break  
the tradition  
you have become accustomed to.*

*Tradition  
is created  
wherever human life takes form.*

*It [i.e., Tradition]*

*exists*

*on the*

- *largest social scale and*

*on the*

- *smallest,*
- *most temporary*  
*scale.*

*The path*

*as you have known it,*

*say until two years ago,*

*had established*

*a certain tradition*

*with which you had begun to feel*

*somewhat comfortable.*

*This tradition*

*had to be*

- *broken –*

- *renewed –*

*by adding*

*new truths to it –*

- *new*

*to you,*

*but*

- *not new*

*per se,*

*for these truths*

*have always existed.*

*Only after your*

- *accepting and*

- *trusting*

*the new truths*

*did they become incorporated*

*into the body of*

- *the total work,*

- *the path.*

*So a  
temporary "new" tradition  
came into being  
until the next breath  
of the great pulsating movement  
[that] the organism was ready for  
vibrated into  
matter.*

*When you*  
• *trust*  
*the new/old truth*  
*and*  
• *do not obstruct it,*  
*you incorporate it [i.e., the new/old truth]*  
*in your life*  
*and thus*

- *your entire consciousness is*
  - *widened and*
  - *expanded;*
- *wisdom,*
- *freedom and*
- *abundance*  
*is added on to you.*

27

*Growth  
is not possible otherwise.*

*It [i.e., Growth]  
can only exist  
when  
this movement is*

- *intact and*
- *as unobstructed as possible.*

	<p><b>Growth</b> <i>must combine</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>the old</i></li></ul> <p><i>and</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>the new.</i></li></ul> <p><i>It [i.e., Growth]</i> <i>must</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>retain</i> <i>tradition</i></li></ul> <p><i>and</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>renew</i></li></ul> <p><i>and</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>enliven</i></li></ul> <p><i>it [i.e., renew and enliven tradition].</i></p>
28	<p><i>These [old/new, continuously renewed and enlivened traditions] are</i> <i>eternal</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>verities and</i></li><li>• <i>principles</i> <i>that hold true</i> <i>for</i></li><li>• <i>everything,</i> <i>for</i></li><li>• <i>every conceivable aspect of life.</i></li></ul> <p><i>I spoke about this [i.e., about how old/new traditions are eternal truths and principles that are continuously renewed and enlivened and hold true for everything and for every conceivable aspect of life]</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>quite generally and</i></li><li>• <i>abstractly,</i></li></ul> <p><i>but would now like to address myself</i> <i>more specifically</i> <i>to</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>the new phase of expansion</i> <i>you are going through</i></li></ul> <p><i>and</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>the attitudes in you</i> <i>that make this expansion</i> <i>unnecessarily painful.</i></li></ul>

***In your fear [of change and of something new]  
you confuse issues;***

***your thinking becomes***

- muddled and***
- disconnected***
  - in your very attempt  
to rationalize  
your rebellion  
against something new,***
  - when you endeavor to maintain  
the comfortable confines of this path  
as you have known it till now.***

***But it [But the spiritual path you are following and  
that you do not want to change]  
would not be this path [i.e., would not be this pathwork]  
if it could remain static.***

***The [spiritual] path is***

- a movement,***
- a journey,  
that comes to a halt  
when the movement  
is obstructed.***

***Stagnation***

***was the fate  
of many  
• spiritual,  
• religious,  
• psychological  
truths  
that have been filtering through  
into your world of matter.***

***Stagnation***

***has been the fate  
of so much  
that once had  
deep value.***



***People***

***stopped the movement  
due to their fear  
of antagonizing  
those who obstruct  
further***

- *movement,*
- *change and*
- *expansion.*

***They lacked the vitality  
to withstand  
opposition  
to further***

- *expansion and*
- *movement.*

***This is why  
so many***

***seemingly new  
• organizations,  
• orientations, or  
• schools of thought,  
arise constantly.***

***The old is  
either***

***• being calcified  
by the distorted concept of  
• tradition,***

***or***

***• totally disrupted  
by the distortion of  
• seeking  
change,  
• seeking  
the new.***

29

*So far [i.e., From Lecture 1 (3/11/1957) through this Lecture 246 (12/14/1977)]  
we have succeeded  
in keeping this path on course  
in this respect [i.e., in respect to balancing tradition with change],  
combining*

- *tradition*

*and*

- *change*

*in their best sense,  
thus keeping the spirit pure.*

*Opposition to  
both these aspects –*

- *tradition*

*and*

- *change –*
  - *has existed,*
  - *exists now and*
  - *will exist,*

*of course.*

*But  
the nucleus of this path  
has kept a steady balance.*

*We pray to the Lord  
for His grace  
that this [i.e., that this steady balance between tradition and change]  
will continue.*

30

*Let us make  
a brief review,  
from this point of view [i.e., this point of view of maintaining this  
steady balance between tradition and change],  
about the various phases of this path  
until now.*

*I will give a general outline  
to help you to evaluate  
where you are at this juncture.*

*Before doing so,  
let us restate  
what this path is,  
so as to avoid  
any possible confusion  
that may have arisen  
through the turmoil of your mind.*

*This entire turmoil  
is an artificial creation.*

*Be that as it may,  
you again need clarification.*

31

*The aim of this path  
is to effect  
personal development  
to the utmost  
of the individual's potential,  
on all levels.*

*For this growth to take place,  
a variety of approaches  
are necessary.*

*[1. The Mental Level and approach]*

*The mind  
needs to be totally emptied  
in the sense of a recent answer I gave to a question.*

*All preconceived notions  
need to be*

- challenged and*
- examined –*

*this means  
openness to change.*

*In this open state,  
some  
old*  
• *opinions,*  
• *beliefs and*  
• *ideas*  
*will be reinstated*  
*because*  
*their truth*  
*will become discernible*  
*on a deeply felt level;*

*this means*  
*preserving*  
*tradition.*

*Then*  
*the old truths*  
*will live*  
*in a new way*  
*in the consciousness of the person;*

*this means*  
• *enlivened,*  
• *renewed*  
*tradition.*

*Other old beliefs*  
*will be discarded*  
*because*  
*they no longer make sense –*

*and this again means*  
• *change.*

32

*[2. The Emotional Level and approach]*

*On the emotional level  
a similar process occurs,  
but it needs to be approached in a different way.*

*In order to*

- *cleansing emotions and*
  - *making them*
    - *life-affirming,*
    - *rather than*
    - *life-destroying,*
- you must have*
- *clear and*
  - *truthful*
- concepts.*

*Emotions*

*cannot live in a void,  
without  
any mental processes  
because  
the human being  
is a*

- *thinking and*
- *discriminating*

*creature.*

*Humans*

*are not meant to live by  
blind emotions.*

*To develop their emotional nature,  
they need to go through the process of  
accepting their feelings,  
no matter  
how destructive they may be.*

*People must*

*learn to find a way  
to express them  
without damage to*

- *themselves or*
- *others.*

**Once people learn  
to accept  
even their destructive feelings  
they can begin  
to change them.**

**This [i.e., Accepting and changing their destructive feelings and emotions]  
requires**

- **their full intelligence and**
- **the maturity  
of their mental processes**

**so that  
a proper evaluation of the feelings  
can take place.**

*[3. The Physical Level and approach]*

**It [i.e., For humans to effect personal development to the utmost of the  
individual's potential on all levels]  
requires  
their physical nature  
to become**

- **healthy and**
- **enlivened**

**by creative energy.**

*[4. The Spiritual Level and approach]*

**Last but not least,  
such change [i.e., such change that is required for humans to effect  
personal development to the utmost of the  
individual's potential on all levels]  
requires  
spiritual**

- **influx and**
- **help,**

**without which  
neither**

- **the strength**

**nor**

- **the wisdom**

**to direct this ever-changing process  
can exist.**

33

*Throughout the years  
I have constantly focused*  
• *on showing you these various levels  
through many teachings*  
*and*  
• *on helping you  
through*  
• *guidance,*  
• *inspiration and*  
• *advice,*  
*to alternate  
from level to level.*

*At one time  
you would have to concentrate more on  
the emotional level,  
learning to*  
• *accept and*  
• *deal with  
feelings*  
*whose force  
you inordinately*  
• *feared and*  
• *denied.*

*At other times  
you had to concentrate on  
your mental*  
• *processes and*  
• *images,*  
*in order to  
recreate  
more realistic thoughts.*

*At yet other times  
you concentrated more on  
your body,  
to make it  
a fitting receptacle for*  
• *truth,*  
• *love,*  
• *wisdom and*  
• *service.*

	<p><i>At times you concentrated more on</i> • <i>spiritual understanding,</i> <i>on</i> • <i>a new outlook of creation as a whole, and</i> <i>on</i> • <i>learning meaningful</i> • <i>prayer and</i> • <i>meditation.</i></p>
34	<p><i>Without</i> • <i>this constant interfacing [among the levels],</i> <i>without</i> • <i>the inclusion of all these levels [i.e., the inclusion of the mental, emotional, physical, and spiritual levels],</i>  <i>development</i> <i>would</i> • <i>be lopsided</i> <i>and</i> <i>would therefore</i> • <i>finally come to a halt.</i></p>
35	<p><i>The aim of this path [i.e., this pathwork] is a development of consciousness that is almost unprecedented.</i></p> <p><i>But in your world only a relatively small group of individuals is indeed ready for this evolution of their personal being, thus contributing to the evolution of your entire sphere of consciousness.</i></p>



*A renewal of this kind  
brings about  
an untold expansion of  
personal*

- *happiness and*
- *fulfillment.*

*Yet*  
*personal*

- *happiness and*
- *fulfillment*

*must*  
*not be*  
*the primary aim.*

*The primary aim  
must become,  
at one point along the way,  
service to the greater cause.*

*When this happens,  
the willingness to sacrifice  
soon turns out to be  
the most fulfilling act of life.*

*Sacrifice  
appears  
less  
and less  
a sacrifice,  
until it becomes evident  
that*

- *God's will*

*coincides with*

- *your self-interest*

*in the*

- *best and*
- *most far-reaching*

*way.*

*The*

- *Godman or*
- *Godwoman –*

*the*

- *New Person –*  
*evolves out of this work*  
*that includes*  
*the totality*  
*of the individual:*  
*the*
  - *physical,*  
*the*
  - *emotional,*  
*the*
  - *mental*  
*and*  
*the*
  - *spiritual*  
*level of being,*  
*until they are*
  - *all integrated into*  
*one whole*  
*and*
  - *no longer separated.*

*Thus*

- *the thinking*  
*is*
  - *the feeling,*  
*is*
    - *the bodily sensation,*  
*is*
      - *the prayer.*

	<p><i>This wholeness represents the utmost of</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• liberation,</li><li>• power</li></ul> <p><i>in the best sense,</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• individuation,</li></ul> <p><i>and,</i></p> <p><i>what may appear as a contradiction,</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• total surrender to</li><li>• God's will,</li></ul> <p><i>which</i></p> <p><b>is</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• the individual's will.</li></ul>
36	<p><i>So, this path [i.e., this pathwork]</i> <b>is</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• many things.</li></ul> <p><i>It [i.e., This path or pathwork]</i> <b>is</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• a psychology, for you obviously work on your</li><li>• psychological attitudes, your</li><li>• feelings, your</li><li>• unconscious processes.</li></ul> <p><i>It [i.e., This path or pathwork]</i> <b>is</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• a philosophy, for you adopt new ways of seeing the world.</li></ul> <p><i>It [i.e., This path or pathwork]</i> <b>is</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• a physical orientation, for you work with your body.</li></ul>

*It [i.e., This path or pathwork]*

*is*

- *a sociology,  
for you learn new modalities  
to function in your social environment.*

*It [i.e., This path or pathwork]*

*is*

- *a new political system,  
for you learn to combine  
both*
  - *tradition**and*
  - *change**in a very new way.*

*It [i.e., This path or pathwork]*

*is*

- *religion,  
for you learn about*
  - *Creation,*
  - *your part in it and*
  - *your new relationship to God.*

*It [i.e., This path or pathwork]*

*is*

- *all [i.e., It is all of these things]*  
*and it is*
  - *none of these things.*

*It [i.e., This path or pathwork]*

*is*

- *the creation of  
a new planetary being [or new person],  
with*
  - *new values**and with*
  - *old truths renewed.*

	<p><i>This new person will gradually</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><i>• overtake and</i></li><li><i>• influence,</i></li></ul> <p><i>step by step, those who want to obstruct this development.</i></p>
37	<p><i>When you look back on the material I</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><i>• brought and</i></li><li><i>• taught</i></li></ul> <p><i>you, you will easily see that I have emphasized this alternation systematically.</i></p> <p><i>I have concentrated on different</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><i>• levels and</i></li></ul> <p><i>different</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><i>• aspects at</i></li></ul> <p><i>different</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><i>• times,</i></li></ul> <p><i>only to come back after a certain period of absorption to the previous levels.</i></p> <p><i>I have started by giving you an overview of spiritual reality in the most simplified way.</i></p> <p><i>I have then gone on to convey new concepts, most of the time aimed to bring the split of duality into a new unity – just as I do now with</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><i>• tradition</i></li></ul> <p><i>and</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><i>• change.</i></li></ul>

*I have then entered into  
a new phase of  
exploring*

- *inner,*
- *unconscious*
  - *levels and*
  - *attitudes.*

*I have taught you  
how to experience*

- *pain,*
- *helplessness,*
- *rage.*

*I have helped you to*

- *see and*
- *accept*  
*your*
  - *mask [self] and*  
*your*
  - *lower self.*

*I have opened up to you  
the vista to  
your*

- *higher self.*

*I have  
re-entered into the spiritual realms  
with your*

- *thoughts and*
- *feelings.*

38

*You have  
worked hard along the way.*

*Phase  
by phase,  
spiral movement  
after spiral movement,  
we have followed  
this journey.*

*Each phase*

- *seemed new and*
- *was always opposed*  
*by reasonings*  
*that were always*  
*rationalizations.*

*Each phase*

*was of course*  
*also*  
*old,*  
*because*  
*no eternal truths*  
*are totally new.*

*They [i.e., Eternal truths]*

*may be*  
*new*  
*here*  
*in their*

- *application and*
- *combination.*

*When your*

- *mental processes*  
*were challenged,*  
*there were always those*  
*who*
  - *did not want to tamper with them [i.e., those who did not want to*  
*tamper with their mental processes]*
- and*
  - *resisted [i.e., resisted changing their mental processes].*

*When it came to working with your*

- *emotional processes,*  
*there were always those*  
*who*
  - *resisted "psychological therapy."*

*When*

- *spiritual truths*  
*were discussed,*  
*there were always those*  
*who*  
*did not want "religion."*

	<p><i>Each of these arguments [that resisted change] came from the fear of expanding into</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><i>• who you are meant to be,</i></li><li><i>• who you potentially are on the unmanifest level of reality.</i></li></ul>
39	<p><i>At the present time, the mention of Jesus Christ elicits the same resistance that has always existed when</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><i>• an extended approach,</i></li><li><i>• an old/new truth was introduced anew.</i></li></ul> <p><i>When</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><i>• unconscious,</i></li><li><i>• irrational feelings were lifted to the surface, many of you were terrified; some friends left the path.</i></li></ul> <p><i>The same thing happened when responsibility for the lower self became an essential aspect of the pathwork.</i></p>



*When*

- *prayer and*
- *meditation*

*were explained in detail and*

- *their dynamics*
- taught*

*so that you could use this essential tool,*

*again many turned away*

*with*

- *resistance and*
- *rebellion –*

*always rationalized, of course.*

*When*

- *the body*

*was included into the total work,*

*the same reactions came up.*

*When*

- *different spiritual realities*
- were emphasized –*

*Jesus Christ is one of them –*

*this, too,*

*was used as an opportunity*

*to avoid*

- *the total revision*
- of personality aspects,*
- *the healing of the soul.*

*Yet*

*none of these [new] aspects*

*was a surprise,*

*since*

*all of them*

*were*

- *foreshadowed and*
- *discussed*

*at the very beginning of my manifestation*  
*through this instrumentality.*

*I also explained*

*that*

*concentration on these various levels of being*

*will*

- *alternate and*
- *follow a certain rhythm.*

40

*As I mentioned before,  
you must understand  
that every one of these truths  
exists in*

- *the spirit reality*

*and  
is thus*

- *neither old*
- *nor new,*

*and yet  
is*

- *both [old and new].*

*It [i.e., every one of these truths]  
is old,  
because it [i.e., because every one of these truths]  
has always existed.*

*It [i.e., every one of these truths]  
is new,  
because it [i.e., because every one of these truths]  
now  
breaks through  
into your level of reality.*

*These aspects of reality  
may not have the same name,  
for in the world of spirit  
names do not exist  
in the same way  
as in your dimension of reality.*

*But  
their essence  
exists  
and  
what you*

- *experience and*
- *perceive*

*here [in your dimension of reality]  
about any and all  
of these*

- *approaches and*
- *realities*

*are merely segments.*

*For it is hardly possible  
to experience  
a total reality  
on your level of consciousness.*

*This [i.e., Being able, on your level of consciousness, to experience merely  
segments of reality and not a total reality]*

*then leads*

- *to naming the thing;*
- *to creating often false  
associations to the thing; and*
- *to partial  
and therefore distorted  
vision of the thing.*

41

*When psychology  
made its appearance on earth,  
it was  
for you  
entirely new.*

*Yet in the world of spirit,  
these levels of consciousness  
are*

- *open,*
- *visible,*
- *observable and*
- *accessible.*

*They [these psychological levels of consciousness in the world of spirit]  
cannot possibly  
create the controversy  
that the appearance of psychological realities  
created on your earth sphere  
for a long time.*

	<p><i>Psychology then [on your earth sphere] often came to mean an opposition to spirituality, a contradiction [i.e. the view that psychology contradicts spirituality] which, of course, is utterly false.</i></p> <p><i>So you still find</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>spiritual leaders,</i></li><li>• <i>ministers and</i></li><li>• <i>priests</i></li></ul> <p><i>who are against psychological depth work.</i></p>
42	<p><i>By the same token Jesus Christ has always existed.</i></p> <p><i>He [i.e., Jesus Christ]</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>is,</i></li><li>• <i>always was, and</i></li><li>• <i>always will be</i></li></ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>the Great Light that directly emanated from God,</i></li><li>• <i>the manifestation that God gave form to;</i></li><li>• <i>the most divine embodiment in the universe.</i></li></ul>

***For many of you  
who strongly react  
in the most negative way  
when you hear the name  
Jesus Christ,  
this fact [i.e., this fact that Jesus Christ is, always was, and  
always will be the Great Light, the manifestation  
that God gave form to, and the most divine  
embodiment in the universe]  
in itself  
• would not,  
• could not,  
carry any negative connotations.***

***The ancients,  
long before the birth of Jesus Christ,  
• always knew of  
this great light  
and also  
• knew that it [i.e., knew that this great light]  
will one day manifest  
as human form.***

***Why is this fact [i.e., Why is this fact that Jesus Christ is, always was, and always  
will be the Great Light, the manifestation that God gave  
form to, and the most divine embodiment in the universe]  
being resisted so?***

***At one time  
the resistance was  
entirely  
• political and  
• power-oriented,  
just as  
• new and  
• honest  
political approaches  
are resisted  
now.***

***Those in power  
• would be disadvantaged by them [i.e., by new and honest approaches]  
and thus  
• would oppose them [i.e., would oppose new and honest approaches].***

43

*Your*

- *personal*
- *irrational*

*reactions*

*to the truth of Him*

*who was foretold by your very forefathers  
but then denied,*

*is solely based on  
false tradition,*

*which is nothing but  
fear of change.*

*Thus*

*your reactions [to Jesus Christ]*

*are*

- *emotional and*
- *irrational.*

*They [i.e., Your reactions to Jesus Christ]*

*do not allow a*

- *calm,*
- *open,*
- *fresh*

*approach*

*that*

- *can question the issue objectively and*
- *make room*

*for the possibility that*

*your forefathers have erred*

*at a certain point of their evolution.*

*They [i.e., Some of your forefathers who have erred at a certain point of*

*their evolution]*

*have*

- *halted their process and*
- *interrupted*

*the line of their*

*inner movement –*

- *individually and*
- *as a people.*

	<p><i>This [i.e., People erring at a certain point of their evolution] happens constantly in human development, in many other areas [i.e., in many areas other than those relating to Jesus Christ],</i></p> <p><i>with many different</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>individuals and</i></li><li>• <i>peoples.</i></li></ul>
44	<p><i>Why is this possibility [i.e., this possibility that some of your forefathers have erred at a certain point of their evolution] so stubbornly rejected, so as to not even permit consideration of it?</i></p> <p><i>You do not permit your hearts to be open to a truth that you felt hitherto disinclined to accept.</i></p> <p><i>But truth can fill you only when you</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>remove the tight so-called "knowledge" and</i></li><li>• <i>make room for a different knowledge.</i></li></ul> <p><i>• If this open attitude exists and</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>if your originally believed-in truth is indeed truth,</i></li></ul> <p><i>you will come back to it [i.e., come back to your originally believed-in truth] anew.</i></p>

***But if it [i.e., But if your originally believed-in truth]  
turns out to be  
faulty,  
you will  
remove an obstruction  
that can only***  

- limit and***
- bind***

***you.***

***In either case [i.e., In either the case that your originally-believed-in truth  
turns out to be truth or the case where it turns out to be faulty],***

- your  
liberation and***
- your  
selfhood,***
- the discovery of  
inner truth  
that is  
both***
  - personal***
- and***
  - universal,***

***can only lie in this***  

- openness and***
- willingness to***
  - let go and***
  - consider different possibilities.***

***Your fear  
that you will thus  
lose your autonomy  
is totally***  

- false and***
- irrational.***



	<p><b><i>Real autonomy must rest on what is</i></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><b><i>• cosmic and</i></b></li><li><b><i>• universal truth,</i></b></li></ul> <p><b><i>not on a</i></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><b><i>• personal and</i></b></li><li><b><i>• possibly false opinion about universal truth.</i></b></li></ul>
45	<p><b><i>The personal longing that brought you to this path, regardless of what you had consciously in mind, can only be fulfilled when you bring</i></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><b><i>• your personality into alignment with</i></b></li><li><b><i>• spiritual truth, whatever that [i.e., whatever that spiritual truth] may be at any given time of your evolutionary journey.</i></b></li></ul> <p><b><i>Some of you violently struggle against this movement [i.e., against this movement to bring your personality into alignment with spiritual truth], but ignorantly so.</i></b></p> <p><b><i>The deep reason for this struggle is, as I said, fear.</i></b></p>

*The tragedy is  
that*

- *while*

*this fear [i.e., this fear of the movement needed to bring  
your personality into alignment with spiritual truth]*

*is entirely*

- *needless and*
- *unfounded,*

- *there is*

*everything to fear  
from*

- *obstructing and*
- *not even considering  
a larger truth  
you have*

*not allowed into your heart  
as yet.*

46

*With this, beloved friends,*

*I*

- *deeply bless you and*
- *pray*  
*with*
  - *the angels and*
  - *the spirit helpers*  
*on my side*

*that*

*all of you*  
*may find*  
*the*

- *courage and*
- *wisdom,*

*the*

- *openness and*
- *freshness*  
*to give*

- *new considerations*

*to*

- *old truths*

*and thus*

*flow with*

*the beautiful rhythm*

*of your inner journey,*

*so that it [i.e., so that your inner journey]*

*may be in harmony*

*with the*

- *larger and*
- *vaster*  
*cycles*

*that permeate the universe.*

*You thereby*

*create*

- *tradition*  
*in the best sense*

*and*

- *change*  
*in the best sense.*

*You*

- *retain*  
*the values*  
*of the old*

*and*

- *constantly eliminate*  
*values*  
*no longer applicable.*

*This follows the same laws of*

- *digestion*

*and*

- *elimination*  
*that apply to the body.*

*The system*

- could not be kept*
  - *cleansed and*
  - *working well**if this process*  
*were not allowed.*

*The healthy body*

*lives*

*positive*

- *tradition*

*and*

*positive*

- *change*

*in its marvelous apparatus of*

- *digestion,*
- *elimination and*
- *assimilation.*

47	<p><i>A great</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>blessing and</i></li><li>• <i>energy influx</i></li></ul> <p><i>sweeps</i></p> <p><i>through</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>your community,</i></li></ul> <p><i>through</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>the earth,</i></li></ul> <p><i>through</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>all hearts</i></li></ul> <p><i>that are</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>open and</i></li><li>• <i>receptive and</i></li><li>• <i>willing.</i></li></ul> <p><i>God's love</i></p> <p><i>envelops you all.</i></p>
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