

# Pathwork Lecture 257: Aspects of the New Divine Influx: Communication, Group Consciousness, Exposure

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03	<p><b><i>Blessings, my dearly beloved friends.</i></b></p> <p><b><i>God's light envelops you all.</i></b></p> <p><b><i>This light [i.e., God's light] contains all you need.</i></b></p> <p><b><i>Try to</i></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><b><i>• perceive it [i.e., Try to perceive God's light],</i></b></li></ul> <p><b><i>try to</i></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><b><i>• feel its reality [i.e., try to feel the reality of God's light].</i></b></li></ul>

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*It [i.e., God's light]  
is always there for you,  
and  
to the degree  
you refine  
your inner being  
through the  
purification process,  
you cannot help  
being aware of  
this light [i.e., God's light]  
that flows  
through  
• all the universe,  
through  
• all of creation.*

*Those of God's children  
who have  
chosen  
to make the very best of their lives  
through such a path [as this pathwork]  
are especially blessed.*

*For with this opportunity  
to  
• purify themselves  
and  
• serve God,  
they fulfill  
a great need  
in the Plan of Salvation.*

04

*In this lecture I would like to speak about  
some significant aspects of  
the New Age.*

*This term [i.e., This term, the "New Age,"]  
has been used a lot recently  
by certain groups of people.*

- ***Some use it [i.e., Some use this term, the “New Age,”] with correct understanding,***
- ***some manage to make it [i.e., some others make this term, the “New Age,”] into a cliché.***

***This [i.e., Turning this term the “New Age” into a cliché], however, is unavoidable;***

***it [turning spiritual truths and terms into meaningless clichés] happens with***

***all concepts of truth, because of a human tendency to be***

- ***glib and***
  - ***lazy***
- and to***
- ***label,***

***so as to avoid***

***feeling the reality of a specific truth.***

***But those who do not fall into this trap should not give up altogether using a term that conveys a true concept.***

***I have often warned against this tendency in the past and have sometimes suggested***

- ***new words,***
  - ***different expressions***
- for***

***the same truth, or***

***repeated***

- ***the true meaning of a specific word to keep its true concept alive.***

	<p><i>As far as the New Age is concerned, I have stated before that at certain intervals in history a new influx streams into your world because humanity has grown sufficiently to be ready for it.</i></p> <p><i>This is so now.</i></p>
05	<p><i>We have often discussed</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><i>• the meaning and</i></li><li><i>• the significance</i></li></ul> <p><i>of the New Age in general terms.</i></p> <p><i>We talked about the consciousness of the Christ spirit [i.e., about the Christ consciousness]</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><i>• permeating this world,</i></li><li><i>• trying to penetrate</i></li></ul> <p><i>the consciousness of individuals to an ever greater degree.</i></p>
06	<p><i>Such a powerful influx [i.e., Such a powerful influx of the consciousness of the Christ spirit, or influx of the Christ consciousness]</i></p> <p><i>must be accompanied by certain manifestations that are not always</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><i>• pleasant,</i></li><li><i>• welcome,</i></li><li><i>• agreeable or</i></li><li><i>• even constructive.</i></li></ul>

*Many events  
on your earth  
that are  
outright undesirable  
are direct results of  
this influx [of the consciousness of the Christ spirit].*

*In fact, without them [i.e., without these undesirable events]  
the*

- growth and*
- expansion*

*of consciousness  
inherent in this  
New Age  
could not take place.*

07

*Your own mind  
is still very much  
geared to  
the immediate.*

*You believe that  
what is*

- good and*
- right*

*at this moment  
will also  
ultimately  
be*

- good and*
- right.*

*You believe that  
what may  
appear*

- evil*

*to you  
now  
is also  
ultimately  
• evil.*

*This [i.e., This sense of an event having to be either good both now AND ultimately or evil both now AND ultimately] is hardly the case.*

*Sometimes an outright negative manifestation [in the NOW] may indeed be necessary [and hence ULTIMATELY good] for a total development to take place.*

*This applies to*

- the individual*

*as well as to*

- mankind as a whole,*

*or, to put it differently, to*

- the entity earth.*

08

*In this lecture I should like to discuss some specifics that accompany the new influx.*

*One [of these specifics that accompany the new influx of the Christ consciousness] is communication.*

*Communication is a by-product of highly developed consciousness.*

*To the degree that  
development of spirit  
exists,  
the ability to*

- *communicate,*

*to*

- *listen and*
- *express*
  - *adequately and*
  - *appropriately*

*also exists.*

*[Conversely]*  
*To the degree that  
development [of spirit]  
is still impaired,  
the ability to*

- *communicate*

*is*  
*limited.*

*So [i.e., When development of spirit is impaired and hence where  
ability to communicate is limited]*

*you see*  
*innumerable people*  
*who*

- *cannot and*
- *will not even try to*  
*put into words*  
*what they really*
  - *feel*

*and*

- *think.*

*They are either  
too proud  
or they  
demand*  
*to be understood by others  
without having to labor  
to make themselves understandable.*

*For it [i.e., For making yourself understandable]  
does require some labor.*

	<p><b>Communication</b> <b>is an art</b> <b>that everyone</b> <b>• can</b> <b>and, indeed,</b> <b>• must</b> <b>learn.</b></p> <p><b>It [i.e., Communication]</b> <b>requires</b> <b>• goodwill,</b> <b>• a positive intentionality, and</b> <b>• a will to cooperate.</b></p>
09	<p><b>Let us start by examining</b> <b>the outermost level [of communication].</b></p> <p><b>It is no coincidence</b> <b>that</b> <b>one of the major byproducts</b> <b>of modern technology</b> <b>is communication.</b></p> <p><b>Even though</b> <b>this level of communication [i.e. the level of modern technology's impact</b> <b>on communication]</b> <b>applies to</b> <b>• outer events</b> <b>only,</b> <b>it [i.e., modern technology's impact on communication]</b> <b>has a tremendous impact</b> <b>on the</b> <b>• inner levels</b> <b>of humanity.</b></p> <p><b>In the first place,</b> <b>it [i.e., modern technology's impact on communication]</b> <b>brings people</b> <b>much closer together.</b></p>



*In former times  
there was a  
greater sense of separateness  
because*

- *the distance between people and*
- *their lack of communication*

*created the illusion  
that others*

- *were*  
*intrinsically*
  - *different and*
  - *alien,*

*and therefore*

- *were*  
*enemies*  
*to be distrusted.*

*Experiencing others  
to be  
similar  
when it comes to  
the basics of*

- *living,*
- *dying,*
- *suffering and*
- *longing,*

*eliminates  
much*

- *illusion,*
- *fear and*
- *enmity.*

*It [i.e., Experiencing others to be similar to you when it comes to  
basic life experiences]*

*contributes to  
the ever-growing unity of humankind.*

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*Knowing what is going on in the world  
has a definite impact on  
spiritual growth.*

- *Isolation and*
- *separateness between people  
in the past  
made the world appear  
too vast  
to be encompassed.*

*One's own tragedies  
seemed unique,  
hence  
a sense of*

- *brotherhood and*
- *sisterhood*

*was totally lacking.*

*Today  
even the least spiritually inclined individuals  
experience  
your entire planet  
in very different ways.*

*Things no longer appear*

- *strange or*
- *foreign.*

*There is a  
greater overall awareness,  
because  
knowing the events that happen  
right now  
in a different corner of the earth  
has an impact on  
the soul's development.*

11	<p><i>So you see, my friends, technology is not in opposition to</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><i>• spiritual development and</i></li></ul> <p><i>to</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><i>• spiritual life.</i></li></ul> <p><i>However, it [i.e., technology] is often</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><i>• abused and</i></li><li><i>• misdirected</i></li></ul> <p><i>and therefore it is</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><i>• seen as</i></li></ul> <p><i>an obstacle to spirituality.</i></p>
12	<p><i>This again shows how everything</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><i>• in the universe and</i></li><li><i>• on this earth</i></li><li><i>• is intrinsically</i></li></ul> <p><i>an expression of divine</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><i>• will and</i></li><li><i>• creation</i></li></ul> <p><i>and</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><i>• can and</i></li><li><i>• should</i></li></ul> <p><i>serve the great plan [i.e., the Plan of Salvation].</i></p> <p><i>Nothing can be created that does not have its roots in the world of spirit.</i></p>

	<p><i>All demonic manifestations can only be</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><i>• distortions and</i></li><li><i>• misuses</i></li></ul> <p><i>of divine creation.</i></p> <p><i>They [i.e., Demonic manifestations] can never be</i></p> <p><i>self-creative [i.e., Demonic manifestations can never be CREATED by the “demon” per se].</i></p>
13	<p><i>Your present ability</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><i>• to witness</i></li></ul> <p><i>and thus</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><i>• to experience</i></li></ul> <p><i>events</i></p> <p><i>with your brothers and sisters elsewhere has a significant impact on your soul.</i></p> <p><i>Your ability</i></p> <p><i>to move relatively fast</i></p> <p><i>from one corner of your earth</i></p> <p><i>to the other</i></p> <p><i>brings you closer to</i></p> <p><i>the laws of the spirit world,</i></p> <p><i>where movement</i></p> <p><i>is</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><i>• instantaneous,</i></li><li><i>• one with thought.</i></li></ul>

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***Communication***  
***is a most important byproduct of***  
***advanced spiritual states.***

***The ability to communicate***  
***on more***

- subtle and***
- personal***

***levels***  
***has also***  
***greatly improved***  
***over the last decades.***

***Psychological approaches***  
***have created***

- a greater awareness***  
***of self***

***and therefore***

- a greater capacity***
  - to understand oneself,***
  - to express oneself to others,***

***and thereby***

- to communicate.***

***Before this particular influx,***  
***most human beings***  
***were***  
***completely in the dark***  
***about***

- themselves,***
- their feelings,***
- their needs,***
- their true reactions,***

***let alone***  
***those [i.e., let alone the feelings, needs***  
***and true reactions]***  
***of others.***

***It was therefore***  
***impossible***  
***to create a bridge with another person***  
***in a significant way.***

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*Similarly,  
a child  
in an early stage of development  
does not really know*

- *that it is*
  - *hurt or*
  - *lonely,*
- *that it needs more*
  - *love,*
  - *attention or*
  - *understanding.*

*If this awareness  
were articulate in the child,  
it would be a relatively small step  
to convey these feelings  
to another person.*

*Without communication,  
you live*

- *in the dark,*
- *alone in a fog of confusion,*
- *isolated from others.*

*The Christ spirit  
represents exactly the opposite.*

*It [i.e., The Christ spirit]  
brings the  
great light  
of*

- *awareness,*

*of*

- *communication and*

*of*

- *brotherhood and sisterhood.*

16	<p><i>Obviously, true communication presupposes communication with</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><i>• the self,</i></li></ul> <p><i>with</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><i>• the inner levels of being that were inaccessible before.</i></li></ul> <p><i>Understanding the self is</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><i>• the groundwork,</i></li><li><i>• the foundation, for you cannot</i></li></ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><i>• convey,</i></li><li><i>• explain and</i></li><li><i>• communicate something you do not know.</i></li></ul> <p><i>So a path such as the one I guide you on [i.e., a path such as pathwork] must always be primarily concerned with</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><i>• self-exploration</i></li></ul> <p><i>and</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><i>• self-knowledge.</i></li></ul> <p><i>It must never stop there, however.</i></p> <p><i>Self-knowledge is only the preliminary phase.</i></p>
17	<p><i>The next organic step [i.e., the next organic step after self-knowledge] is learning the great art of communication.</i></p>

***This [i.e., Learning the great art of communication]  
requires***

- ***intention,***
- ***thought,***
- ***practice,***
- ***self-observation.***

***It [i.e., Learning the great art of communication]  
means***

***giving up  
the state of being only half awake,  
assuming  
unthinkingly  
that others  
should know  
what you  
feel.***

***It [i.e., Learning the great art of communication]  
means***

***making the effort***

- ***to explain,***
- ***to reach out,***
- ***to search through  
the mazes of misunderstanding –***
  - ***patiently and***
  - ***lovingly.***

***Here [i.e., Here in learning the great art of communication],  
as in everything else,  
practice***

***leads to***

- ***an increasingly***
  - ***spontaneous and***
  - ***automatic***
- ***ability***
  - ***to be***
    - ***outwardly***
      - ***what you were previously***
        - ***secretly and***
        - ***inwardly, and***
      - ***to communicate this state***
        - ***to others.***



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*Just use your imagination  
and think about  
the enormous difference  
this [i.e., this practice of the art of communication]  
makes in human communication.*

*How often do you believe  
someone is mean to you  
when, in reality,  
this other person*

- fears you and*
- erroneously uses a*
  - coldness or*
  - rejecting attitude*

*as a defense?*

*Knowing this [i.e., Knowing that the person fears you and is erroneously  
using defenses of coldness and rejection against you]  
removes  
your*

- fear,*

*your*

- false pride*

*your*

- anger.*

*It [i.e., Knowing that the person fears you and is erroneously  
using defenses of coldness and rejection against you]  
may enable you  
to meet this person  
in an entirely different way  
that, in turn,  
will dissolve  
his or her negative defense  
that alienates you.*

*So you see how  
communication  
brings souls together,  
eliminating walls of fear  
that create  
hate  
between humans.*

	<p><i>Therefore communication is an intrinsic part of the good life.</i></p>
19	<p><i>However, the fact that you may attempt to explain yourself is not enough.</i></p> <p><i>The way in which you reveal yourself is what makes communication an art.</i></p> <p><i>If you explain yourself in a way that implies</i><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><i>• blame and</i></li><li><i>• accusation,</i></li></ul><i>you only create a bigger wall.</i></p> <p><i>But if you attempt to explain yourself by simply conveying your</i><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><i>• feelings and</i></li><li><i>• needs,</i></li></ul><i>your</i><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><i>• impressions and</i></li><li><i>• assumptions</i></li></ul><i>in a</i><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><i>• questioning and</i></li><li><i>• open spirit</i></li></ul><i>without insisting that they [i.e., that your assumptions] be the truth,</i></p> <p><i>then you can reach a true understanding.</i></p>

	<p><i>[In this way]</i> <b>You can establish</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>clarity,</i></li><li>• <i>light and</i></li><li>• <i>truth.</i></li></ul> <p><b>By</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>learning</i> <i>the skill of communication,</i></li></ul> <p><b>and</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>practicing it [i.e., and by practicing the skill of communication]</i> <i>as an art,</i> <i>you foster</i><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>love and</i></li><li>• <i>unity.</i></li></ul></li></ul>
20	<p><b>How can you</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>assuage your loneliness</i> <i>unless you</i> <i>establish bridges with others?</i></li></ul> <p><b>How can you</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>lose your fear of people</i> <i>unless you</i> <i>truly expose the misconception</i> <i>that others want to be your enemies?</i></li></ul> <p><b>You can achieve this [i.e., You can assuage your loneliness and lose your fear of others, fear brought on because of your misconceptions]</b></p> <p><b>only by</b></p> <p><b>taking the trouble of</b></p> <p><b>exploring</b></p> <p><b>yourself</b></p> <p><b>sufficiently</b></p> <p><b>to know what it is</b></p> <p><b>you really feel.</b></p> <p><b>Often</b></p> <p><b>you believe</b></p> <p><b>that you feel in a certain way,</b></p> <p><b>yet it is</b></p> <p><b>not at all</b></p> <p><b>what is really</b></p> <p><b>going on in you.</b></p>

*You need to  
take the apparent risk  
of explaining yourself,  
even if  
this can  
rarely be done  
in one simple stroke.*

*[Rather than trying to explain yourself in one simple stroke,]*

*You need to  
enter an ongoing dialogue,  
• full of goodwill,  
• increasing your willingness  
• to shed your pride and  
• to give up your stake in blaming.*

*This is what communication entails  
on an emotional level.*

*This is how  
the great oneness  
among all human beings  
will be established.*

*This is how  
• fear and  
• hate –  
hence  
• war on all levels –  
will increasingly disappear.*

*In other words,  
true communication  
will contribute to  
bringing the Kingdom of Heaven  
to earth.*

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*But there is an  
even deeper level of communication  
which you  
ignore.*

*It [i.e., This even deeper level of communication that you ignore]  
is still*

*very obscure*

*but*

*once you focus your attention on it,  
it will reveal itself*

*as clearly as*

*the levels [of communication that]*

*I have just discussed.*

*All interactions*

*between human beings*

*ultimately*

*contribute to*

*the final aim:*

- *reconciliation,*
- *oneness,*
- *brotherhood,*
- *love,*
- *understanding,*
- *truth.*

*In the final analysis,*

*even the*

*most negative interaction*

*between individuals*

*serves this [final aim and] purpose.*

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**When**  
**two entities – either**  
**• individual or**  
**• collective**  
**ones –**  
**are involved in**  
**a negative interaction,**  
**a deeper purpose**  
**is being fulfilled,**  
**even if**  
**the interaction**  
**has a most undesirable result**  
**at the moment.**

**The higher selves**  
**of both entities**  
**are always at work.**

**The higher self**  
**has not created**  
**the negative interaction per se,**  
**but it [i.e., but the higher self]**  
**uses**  
**what already exists –**  
**negativity –**  
**for the purpose of**  
**dissolving it [i.e., for the purpose of dissolving the negativity].**

**The**  
**• dissolution and**  
**• transformation**  
**of negative material**  
**cannot possibly take place**  
**unless**  
**there is**  
**an outright manifestation [of the negative material].**

**Even if**  
**the entities involved [in a particular negative interaction]**  
**• are totally in the dark**  
**about the part**  
**they themselves**  
**play in this [negative] interaction**  
**and**  
**• are still on the level of**  
**self-righteous**  
**one-sidedness,**  
**they [i.e. the entities involved in this negative interaction]**  
**nevertheless**  
**serve a higher purpose.**

**How much more**  
**does this [serving a higher purpose] happen**  
**when entities [rather than being in the dark and**  
**feeling self-righteous in their one-sidedness, instead]**  
**recognize**  
**the total truth of an interaction [i.e., recognize the total truth**  
**of a negative interaction]**  
**that may be hidden from**  
**their immediate view!**

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**So you can see, my friends,**  
**that**  
**underneath**  
**the lower-self exchange,**  
**a higher-self exchange**  
**exists simultaneously**  
**between the entities in conflict.**

**This is a**  
**very important**  
**new thought**  
**for you to contemplate.**

*Just imagine:*

*two*

- *people – or*
- *groups of people –*  
*are at war*  
*on the surface.*

*They*

- *hate and*
- *accuse*  
*each other.*

*They*

- *wish each other the worst and*
- *want to harm each other.*

*At the same time,*  
*on a deeper level,*  
*these entities*  
*agree.*

*They know*  
*that*

- what occurs on the surface*  
*serves*  
*• the common good,*  
*serves*  
*• truth and*  
*• love,*  
*serves*  
*• their unity.*



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*On this path,  
when  
two of you  
• are at odds with each other  
and you  
• work very deeply  
to come to the truth  
of the issue,  
you often experience  
a wonderful conciliation  
in which  
love unites  
the same two individuals  
who  
• hated and  
• accused  
each other  
before.*

*You then  
witness  
what I explained just now.*

*On your earth sphere,  
in this dimension,  
the manifestation of conciliation  
happens in  
sequential time:  
first  
• the hate,  
then  
• the search for truth,  
then  
• love and  
• unity.*

*On the deeper level of being,  
there are  
no such sequences.*

*[Rather, on the deeper level of being,]  
• Truth  
• love and  
• unity  
always exist simultaneously.*

25	<p><i>Take this new vision into account.</i></p> <p><i>It will help you perceive that every situation,</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>no matter how hopelessly</i></li><li>• <i>confused and</i></li><li>• <i>negative</i></li></ul> <p><i>it may appear,</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>simultaneously harbors inner</i></li><li>• <i>truth,</i></li><li>• <i>love and</i></li><li>• <i>unity.</i></li></ul> <p><i>Your understanding of this will accelerate the conciliations on the level of sequential time, so that enmity/search/truth/love/unity follow each other in ever quicker succession.</i></p>
26	<p><i>The influx of the Christ consciousness brings more spiritual</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>values and</i></li><li>• <i>laws</i></li></ul> <p><i>to your plane.</i></p>

*Many  
spiritual*  
• *laws and*  
• *values*  
*are generally known  
through  
religions,*

*but few*  
*[spiritual laws and values]*  
*are*  
• *truly*  
• *understood and*  
• *experienced*  
*in depth,*  
*let alone*  
• *lived*  
*on the  
innermost levels.*

*Still*  
*too often*  
*humanity*  
*takes these laws,*  
• *confuses and*  
• *distorts*  
*them,*  
*and then*  
*either*  
• *disregards them altogether*  
*because,*  
*distorted,*  
*they make no sense,*

*or*  
• *hypocritically*  
*obeys them*  
*on a surface level*  
*that fails to reach*  
*the inner person.*

*The more  
humanity grows,  
the greater  
the influx of  
the Christ light  
can be, and  
the more  
it will be possible  
to make  
true spiritual values  
part of  
the human consciousness.*

27

*In this particular lecture  
we are dealing, first of all,  
with  
the law of brotherhood,  
which I have often mentioned.*

*Without  
brotherhood  
there is  
no love,  
without  
love  
there is  
no brotherhood.*

*Love  
is  
• union.*

*Hate  
is  
• split,  
• dissension,  
• isolation.*

*Love  
means  
mutual understanding.*

28

*Yet*  
*for understanding*  
*to grow,*  

- *effort and*
- *goodwill*

*are necessary.*

*In other words,*  

- *love*

*is not*  
*something that happens*  
*like a miracle,*  
*nor is*  

- *union [something that happens like a miracle].*

*You cannot*  
*experience*  
*union with*  

- *God*

*unless you are able to*  
*experience*  
*union with*  

- *your brothers and sisters,*
- even [union] with*
- *those you think are*

*your enemies.*

*On the*  

- *outer level*

*you may not achieve*  
*friendship*  
*with them [i.e., friendship with your brothers and sisters],*  
*for it [i.e., for friendship]*  
*takes [i.e., requires]*  
*both parties*  
*to really desire*  

- *truth and*
- *union.*

*But on the*  

- *inner level*

*you may well be*  
*quite consciously*  
*connected with*  
*the higher self*  
*of that person.*

29

*Never forget that*

- *love –*
    - union with*
      - *God and*
      - *other people –*
- is the result of*
- *communication.*

*And*

- *communication*
  - is a result of*
    - *serious effort,*
      - with a commitment to use*
      - your*
        - *attention and*
      - your*
        - *energies,*
          - *to make yourself*
          - understood*
          - in the best possible way,*
    - and*
      - *to understand*
      - the other.*

*For both purposes [i.e., For making yourself understood and  
for understanding the other],*

*you need to*

- *empty your mind*
  - of all*
  - preconceived ideas*
    - [that] your lower self*
    - has a stake in retaining.*

*You need to*

- *put aside*
  - *enmity and*
  - *distrust.*

*You need to*

- *listen*
  - *deeply and*
  - *openly.*

*You need to*

- *convince the other  
of your goodwill  
for  
the truth.*

*You need to*

- *summon the maturity  
to realize that  
others  
do not know  
what you  
• mean,  
• feel,  
• think and  
• want.*

*You need to*

- *explain yourself  
in the  
• deepest,  
• most sincere  
way possible.*

*If you proceed in that way,  
you will find*

- no problem  
between  
• you  
and  
• others  
that cannot be resolved.*

*Great*

- *strength and  
• self-esteem  
will grow from this,  
my friends.*

30

*First, however,  
you need to  
sacrifice  
your*

- *pride,*

*your*

- *stubbornness,*

*your*

- *pleasure in  
having a case against someone or*

*your*

- *fear of finding out  
that you are*
  - *wrong and*
  - *bad.*

*You must put  
all this aside.*

*In that way  
you will greatly contribute to  
the ever-growing  
flow of communication  
that is unprecedented  
in your era.*

*In that way  
you help herald  
an important aspect of  
the Christ consciousness –  
within*

- *yourself*
- and*
- *others.*

*You then  
truly become  
a servant to  
God's plan [i.e., the Plan of Salvation].*



31

***Desist from  
yielding to the temptation to***  
• ***keep yourself  
locked up in***  
• ***isolation and***  
• ***resentment.***

***Desist equally from  
yielding to the temptation to***  
• ***accuse and***  
• ***blame.***

***Make yourself  
neutral,  
at least temporarily,  
until  
you have the chance of finding out  
what the truth is.***

***Do not fear  
the truth.***

***It [i.e., The truth]  
will be  
so liberating!***

***It [i.e., The truth]  
will let you off the hook  
of your own  
secret  
self-accusation and***

***it [i.e., the truth]  
will free others  
of your  
accusations [of them].***

*You may well find  
imperfections  
in  
both  
• yourself  
and  
• others,  
but  
these imperfections  
will have  
a new connotation  
that will  
free you of  
• hurt and  
• shame,  
as well as [free you of]  
the need to put  
• hurt and  
• shame  
on others.*

32

*Yes, my friends,  
this  
is what you have been doing in your work  
all along.*

*I am  
not telling you about a  
new process,  
but I want to  
shed a new light on it [i.e., shed a new light on the work you have been  
doing all along]  
now, from a new angle, so that  
you can deepen  
your commitment  
to follow through.*

33

*The new influx of  
the Christ consciousness  
sweeps through your world  
with tremendous force,  
yet  
its manifestations  
are not always recognized.*

*At first  
the influx [of the Christ consciousness]  
reaches humanity's  
inner  
consciousness.*

*Wherever  
there is the slightest potential,  
[humanity's inner] consciousness  
begins to change*

- *gradually,*
- *subtly.*

*It [i.e., Humanity's inner consciousness]  
may change  
through*

- *new ways  
of thinking about  
life*

*or*

*through*

- *a desire to find a way  
to understand*
  - *the self*
- *life*

*more profoundly.*

*Even those  
who are less*

- *ready and*
- *developed*

*may lend a hand,  
perhaps unwittingly,  
to the unfolding of  
the Great Plan [i.e., the Plan of Salvation].*

*They [i.e., those who are less ready and less developed],  
too,  
become instruments,  
even though  
their instrumentality  
may appear  
entirely negative.*

*Through their sphere of  
• influence and  
• activity  
they affect events,  
which then conspire  
to bring about  
new conditions.*

*It is again, as I explained before,  
the higher self  
of such a person  
• working  
in conjunction with  
the Plan [i.e., the Plan of Salvation] and  
• using the  
negative outer will  
to contribute  
positively  
to the whole picture.*

34

*The new influx –  
called  
the New Age –  
also affects  
outer  
events,  
often  
in a most obscure way.*

*What may appear  
an entirely*

- *undesirable,*
- *negative*

*occurrence*

*is, in reality,*

*a necessity for*

- *establishing  
new values and*
- *reestablishing  
life*

*based on*

- *spiritual premises,*
- *truth and*
- *love.*

*In other words,*

*destructiveness*

*that has advanced so far*

*that it can no longer be*

- *changed,*
- *molded or*
- *transformed,*

*needs to be destroyed*

*before a*

- *new and*
- *better*

*structure*

*can be erected.*

35

**Many destructive events  
on your earth  
are of this kind** [i.e., the kind of destructive events that destroy the  
destructiveness that has advanced so far that it can  
no longer be changed, molded, or transformed].

**You need to learn to distinguish  
between**

- **those [destructive] events  
that are**
  - **outright unnecessary and**
  - **directly opposed to life,  
being expressions of evil,**

**and**

- **those [i.e., those destructive events]  
that fall into the category I just described.**

**The distinction** [between these two kinds of destructive events]  
**is not always  
immediately clear,  
but as you**

- **train your  
inner vision**

**and**

- **become more aware of  
these processes of creation** [i.e., aware of these processes of creation that  
sometimes require destruction of the old and entrenched destructive  
structure before the building of the new structures can be started],

**your perception  
will become more accurate.**

36

*Many of you already see that  
new values  
are*

- *springing up  
all over,*
  - *working their way  
laboriously  
through*
    - *the thicket of  
obsolete values,*
    - *the old*
      - *negative and*
      - *destructive*
- attitudes toward life.*

*The new values  
are still*

- *small and*
  - *delicate*
- plants  
that need nurturing  
with*
- *courage,*
- with*
- *commitment to  
the larger cause of life*
- and*
- with*
- *the ever-necessary self-honesty  
that fosters*
    - *development and*
    - *expansion*
- of individual consciousness.*

*The more  
people nurture this growth,  
the stronger  
the new plants will become  
on your planet.*

37

*The process [of growing new values]  
is always based on  
a cellular structure.*

*It [i.e., The process of growing new values]  
begins with  
the single cell,  
the individual consciousness  
that needs to change.*

*Such individual change  
cannot take place  
in isolation,  
but always  
in conjunction  
with others.*

*For*  
• *individual consciousness*  
*is part of*  
• *the collective consciousness,*  
• *the great whole.*

*Individual*  
• *values and*  
• *development*  
*can only be measured  
by interaction with others.*

*Communication*  
*is one aspect [of individual development]  
that improves interaction [with others]  
until there is no separation.*

*The more  
individual cells of consciousness  
begin to*  
• *purify and*  
• *align themselves with the divine will,*  
*the more*  
*they [i.e., the more the individual cells of consciousness]  
will affect  
the totality of the earth entity.*



	<p><i>The [individual] cells meld into one structure, although they [i.e., the individual cells] each have their individual life.</i></p>
38	<p><i>You have a great deal of ambivalence about this melding [i.e., this melding of the individual cells of consciousness into one structure].</i></p> <p><i>On the one hand,</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><i>• you fear giving up what you call your individuality.</i></li><li><i>• You believe that</i><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><i>• your uniqueness,</i></li><li><i>• your particular divine manifestation, is dependent on your separation.</i></li></ul></li><li><i>• You falsely assume that in oneness with the whole you lose what is uniquely yours.</i></li></ul> <p><i>In reality it is just the other way round [i.e., in oneness with the whole you more fully manifest what is uniquely yours].</i></p> <p><i>Thus you struggle against the innate fate of all created beings – the striving toward oneness.</i></p>

**You**

- **resist and**
- **fight**

*it [i.e., you resist and fight against striving toward oneness  
which is the innate fate of all created beings],  
to your great chagrin.*

*For, on the other hand [i.e., the opposite hand to the hand that fears losing your  
uniqueness and individuality should you move toward oneness],  
the longing for  
oneness  
can never be relieved  
without  
oneness  
being achieved.*

*The longing [for oneness]  
is desperate  
in your soul, and  
the pain of  
not experiencing oneness  
is excruciating.*

- **Not knowing**  
*of this [desperate] longing [for oneness in your soul],*
- **not feeling**  
*the [excruciating] pain [of not experiencing oneness],  
is even worse [than the pain of the desperate longing for oneness  
per se and the excruciating pain of not  
experiencing oneness per se];  
it [i.e., this state of not knowing the pain of this longing for oneness  
in your soul and not feeling the pain of not  
experiencing oneness]  
is a state of*
  - **apathy,**
  - **unaliveness,**
  - **confusion and**
  - **secondary pain.**

	<p><i>It [i.e., This state of not knowing the pain of this longing for oneness in your soul and not feeling the pain of not experiencing oneness]</i></p> <p><b>is a state</b></p> <p><b>that you can never understand</b></p> <p><b>because</b></p> <p><i>it [i.e., this state of not knowing the pain of this longing for oneness in your soul and not feeling the pain of not experiencing oneness]</i></p> <p><b>is a result of</b></p> <p><b>a long chain reaction</b></p> <p><b>whose origin</b></p> <p><b>is precisely</b></p> <p><b>the pain of</b></p> <p><b>denying oneness.</b></p>
39	<p><b><i>It has often been mentioned that</i></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><b><i>• the New Age,</i></b></li></ul> <p><b><i>or as it is also called,</i></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><b><i>• the Aquarian Age,</i></b></li></ul> <p><b><i>brings about</i></b></p> <p><b><i>group</i></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><b><i>• formations,</i></b></li></ul> <p><b><i>group</i></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><b><i>• consciousness.</i></b></li></ul> <p><b><i>Such a process [of group formations or group consciousness]</i></b></p> <p><b><i>has not existed</i></b></p> <p><b><i>in the same way</i></b></p> <p><b><i>before.</i></b></p> <p><b><i>Of course,</i></b></p> <p><b><i>humanity as a whole</i></b></p> <p><b><i>is a group</i></b></p> <p><b><i>on a larger scale.</i></b></p> <p><b><i>Society</i></b></p> <p><b><i>could not exist</i></b></p> <p><b><i>unless</i></b></p> <p><b><i>group consciousness</i></b></p> <p><b><i>were cultivated to some degree.</i></b></p>

	<p><i>But until now individuals were mainly concerned with</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><i>• themselves and</i></li><li><i>• their own interests,</i></li></ul> <p><i>regardless of the effects of such self-concern on the rest of the world.</i></p>
40	<p><i>Not that this [individualistic] attitude has now disappeared.</i></p> <p><i>Far from it.</i></p> <p><i>But a new awareness is growing in which people are beginning to see that if they pursue nothing but their self-interest to the detriment of others, they go far beyond violating</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><i>• moral and</i></li><li><i>• spiritual</i></li><li><i>• laws and</i></li><li><i>• values.</i></li></ul> <p><i>They are beginning to see that they themselves must eventually suffer from this attitude as much as, if not more than, those they disregard with shortsighted selfishness.</i></p>

41

*The human family  
could not exist  
without  
a group spirit.*

*But  
most societies  
have not yet  
put sufficient weight  
on spiritual values.*

*They [i.e., Most societies]  
are unaware of  
any new influx and  
they proceed  
by old*

- standards and*
- values*

*that are often based only  
on*

- expediency and*

*on*

- the most shortsighted goals.*

*It is surely  
no coincidence  
that  
in your time*

- new groups,*
- new communities*

*of all sorts  
are springing up all over.*

*Many of them [i.e., Many of these new groups and communities of all sorts  
that are springing up all over]  
are  
misguided.*

*Many [i.e., Many of these new groups and communities of all sorts  
that are springing up all over]  
succumb to  
the influence of*

- destructive forces and*
- evil spirits.*

*This [misguidance and influence of destructive forces and evil spirits]  
can never be different  
on your plane of consciousness.*

*Wherever there is  
divine influx,  
the demonic forces  
send out  
their own influences*

- *to corrupt those  
who are not purified,*
- *to tempt them and*
- *to destroy them.*

*This [i.e. The fact that the demonic forces send out their own influences]  
does not change the fact  
that  
new communities  
must spread*

- *which represent  
the new values and*
- *which become models  
for new ways of life.*

*The point is  
always*

- *to be wakeful and*
- *to never neglect the work of  
self-purification.*

*This [i.e., Being wakeful and never neglecting the  
work of self-purification]  
is the only key of safety.*

*If you follow this through [i.e., If you remain wakeful and never neglect  
the work of self-purification]*

- *painstakingly,*
- *in the spirit of  
service  
to fulfilling God's will,*

*then  
evil forces  
cannot confuse you.*

	<p><i>[If you remain wakeful and never neglect the work of self-purification]</i></p> <p><b>You will</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>always know,</i></li></ul> <p><b>you will</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>find the answers,</i></li></ul> <p><b>you will</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>ultimately stay clean,</i> <i>even if there must be some</i> <i>temporary</i> <i>manifestations of</i> <i>your lower selves.</i></li></ul>
42	<p><b>I wish to discuss now</b> <b>another manifestation of</b> <b>the new influx:</b></p> <p><b>exposure.</b></p> <p><b>Again,</b> <b>you can see this aspect</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>individually and</i></li><li>• <i>collectively.</i></li></ul> <p><b>It [i.e., Exposure]</b> <b>can hardly be missed,</b> <b>it [i.e., exposure]</b> <b>is so obvious.</b></p> <p><b>Through</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>psychology, and</i></li></ul> <p><b>recently through</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>profound spiritual work,</i> <i>exposure of self</i> <i>has reached depths</i> <i>unknown before in your history,</i> <i>with the exception of</i> <i>initiates,</i> <i>who formed</i> <i>small minorities</i> <i>in different cultures.</i></li></ul>

	<p><i>Now exposure of the deeper levels of self has reached unprecedented degrees.</i></p> <p><i>Even the least knowledgeable people have attained a certain degree of awareness that there are deeper levels of being which determine their lives.</i></p> <p><i>You may now take this [degree of self-awareness] for granted, yet it [i.e., yet this degree of self-awareness] was by no means always so.</i></p>
43	<p><i>This new ability to explore the self is a combination of</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><i>• communication and</i></li><li><i>• exposure.</i></li></ul> <p><i>The</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><i>• willingness to expose leads</i></li><li><i>• to communication</i></li></ul> <p><i>and</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><i>• communication leads</i></li><li><i>• to oneness,</i></li><li><i>• to alignment with the Christ spirit that sweeps with great force through your world.</i></li></ul>



44

*The resistance to  
exposure  
is always present.*

*It is obvious that  
refusal  
to expose  
creates isolation.*

*When you  
deny exposure  
it always means  
that  
you have a stake  
in maintaining*

- *a rotten structure,*
- *a structure  
that you need to*
  - *eliminate and*
  - *replace.*

*This unwillingness [to expose]  
clearly implies  
the wish to continue  
living a lie.*

*Dedication to  
the truth  
must bring*

- *the willingness and*
- *the courage*
  - *to expose*

*and*

- *to change.*

45	<p><i>If it [i.e., If exposure] is not done willingly, secret matters will be exposed through</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><i>• outside forces,</i></li></ul> <p><i>through</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><i>• crises</i></li></ul> <p><i>that will bring them [i.e., will bring secret matters] to the surface.</i></p> <p><i>Once the force of the new influx is set in motion, it [i.e., the force of the new influx] cannot be halted.</i></p> <p><i>The more opposition it [i.e., the new influx] encounters, the more painful the crisis will be.</i></p>
46	<p><i>This has also become very obvious in your public life.</i></p> <p><i>In very recent times, a great deal of hidden destructiveness has been</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><i>• exposed</i></li></ul> <p><i>and</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><i>• communicated</i></li></ul> <p><i>to the public.</i></p>

*Again, this [level of public exposure of hidden destructiveness]  
has never been the case before*

- *in the same way and*
- *to the same degree.*

*And it continues.*

*Something new  
has been set in motion.*

*Through*

- *communication,*

*through*

- *exposure,*

*the whole world  
knows of political misdeeds  
that would  
previously  
have remained secret.*

*Through*

- *the evolving group consciousness*

*a great*

- *interplay and*
- *interaction*

*takes place  
that allows  
all of humankind  
to participate in  
the drama  
of development.*

47	<p><i>Viewing world events with this understanding is important.</i></p> <p><i>It is exactly the process you follow on this path:</i></p> <p><i>you</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>expose your lower self,</i></li></ul> <p><i>you</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>share it [i.e., you share your lower self],</i></li></ul> <p><i>you</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>communicate it [i.e., you communicate your lower self] to others.</i></li></ul> <p><i>Can you think of a better way to establish</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>love,</i></li><li>• <i>trust,</i></li><li>• <i>closeness?</i></li></ul>
48	<p><i>Again and again I show you parallels between the development of the</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>individual</i></li></ul> <p><i>and</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>[the development]of the</i></li><li>• <i>planet.</i></li></ul> <p><i>All the processes you learn to apply to yourselves also apply in some form on the collective level.</i></p>

*Exposure*  
*has never existed*  
*in the way it does now.*

- *Masks*  
*are beginning to fall,*
- *lower-self aspects*  
*begin to show clearly,*  
*with less concealment*  
*than ever before.*

*Thus*

- *events and*
- *intentions*  
*can be recognized*
  - *for what they really are,*
  - *without the camouflages*  
*that bring*  
*so much*
    - *lying,*  
*so much*
    - *suffering,*  
*so much*
    - *confusion.*

49

*Exposure*  
*is very much a part of*  
*the new influx.*

*It [i.e., exposure]*  
*is a*  
*direct expression of*  
*the Christ consciousness*  
*that sweeps through*  
*the*

- *inner*

  
*and*

- *outer*

  
*planes of this planet*  
*at this time.*

*Spiritual development  
without  
exposure  
can, at best, be  
only  
a half measure  
that leads  
eventually  
to a stalemate.*

*But unless  
exposure  
is infused with  
love,  
it [i.e., exposure]  
becomes  
self-defeating.*

*Show respect  
for the person  
who has the courage  
to do it [i.e., courage to drop masks and expose lower-self aspects]  
willingly.*

*Those who refuse  
to open up willingly  
must not be allowed*

- to destroy  
their environment*

*and*

- to influence events  
through their concealment.*

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*The*

- *courage and*
- *strength*

*necessary*

*to bring about exposure*

*wherever*

- *appropriate and*
- *necessary*

*stems from*

*the inner conviction*

*that it [i.e., that exposure of lower-self aspects]*

*is done*

- *in the service of a larger cause –*

*in other words, [the inner conviction that*

*exposure of lower-self aspects is done]*

- *in love.*

*The more*

*you expose yourself*

- *to yourself,*

*and subsequently*

- *to others,*

*the more*

*you will discover*

*your*

- *true*

- *intrinsic*

*worth.*

*You will know*

*that*

*the already developed*

*higher self*

*is the part*

*that makes the exposure [of lower-self aspects] possible.*

51	<p><i>It is the same with the planetary entity.</i></p> <p><i>The earth's higher self is conducting all the exposures that occur now on the political front.</i></p> <p><i>Do not think of the New Age as a</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>general,</i></li><li>• <i>vague</i></li><li>• <i>force.</i></li></ul> <p><i>[Actually]</i> <i>It [i.e., the New Age]</i> <i>is a</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>consciousness</i></li><li>• <i>by and</i></li><li>• <i>in</i></li></ul> <p><i>itself.</i></p> <p><i>Specific aspects [of this New Age consciousness] manifest in various parts of your earth as the need arises.</i></p>
52	<p><i>As all consciousness, the New Age [i.e., the New Age consciousness] consists of many aspects that complete a harmonious whole.</i></p> <p><i>In this lecture I discussed three particular aspects [of the New Age consciousness]:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>communication,</i></li><li>• <i>group consciousness, and</i></li><li>• <i>exposure.</i></li></ul>



	<p><i>We also discussed the inevitable parallel between all these aspects manifesting on the</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>individual</i></li></ul> <p><i>and on the</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>collective levels.</i></li></ul>
53	<p><i>You are quite well versed on the</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>individual level, since this was the emphasis of your pathwork all along.</i></li></ul> <p><i>Although there are still some</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>obstructions and</i></li><li>• <i>resistances, in principle</i></li><li>• <i>you are reconciled with this process [on the individual level]</i></li></ul> <p><i>and</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>you comprehend its intrinsic</i></li><li>• <i>necessity and</i></li><li>• <i>value.</i></li></ul> <p><i>You can observe how the same [pathwork] process happens on the</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>collective level</i></li></ul> <p><i>and this [i.e., this observation of how the same pathwork process happens on the collective level as happens on the individual level] will help your expansion as an individual.</i></p>

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*By seeing  
the same principle  
repeated*  
• *in microcosm [i.e., on the individual level]*  
*and*  
• *in macrocosm [i.e., on the collective level],*  
*you develop  
a deeper understanding.*

*Through*  
• *this understanding and*  
*through*  
• *your ever-intensified efforts*  
*toward*  
• *self-exposure*  
*and*  
• *communication*  
*with your*  
*immediate circle of dear ones*  
*with whom you share*  
*your process of development,*  
*you greatly contribute*  
*to*  
*the earth's evolution.*

*Although it may not be possible*  
*for you*  
*to see this influence [on the earth's evolution]*  
• *directly and*  
• *immediately,*  
*you will*  
*gradually*  
*sense it [i.e., you will gradually sense your influence on*  
*the earth's evolution];*

*it [i.e., your influence on the earth's evolution]*  
*will become*  
*an ever-growing realization.*

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*You still need to apply  
more*

- *awareness and*
- *attention*

*to how you may use these aspects [i.e., use these aspects of  
communication, group consciousness, and exposure]  
better in  
your own community life.*

*Often,  
there still exists a  
blindness*

*to*

- *self-exposure and*

*to the*

- *exposure of others  
that fails to bring the  
truth  
to the surface.*

*This [i.e., This blindness to self-exposure and to the exposure of others  
that fails to bring truth to the surface]*

*undermines*

- *communication –*
- and hence*
- *love and*
  - *union.*

*You would  
enhance communication  
if you made*

*a more profound effort  
to*

- *explain yourself,*

*and*

*to help others to*

- *do likewise [i.e., help others explain themselves]  
through a  
non-threatening  
attitude.*

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**Communication**

**could also vastly improve**

- **if you**  
**helped others**  
**to be more receptive**  
**to what you**
  - **know and**
  - **have to teach**

**and,**

**similarly [communication could vastly improve],**

- **if you**  
**were more**
  - **open and**
  - **receptive**  
**to where**  
**you**  
**could learn from others.**

**Too often a**

- **bland,**
- **dull**  
**numbness**

**encases you**  
**into a**

- **half-vague,**
- **opinionated,**
- **incomplete,**
- **secretive**

**holding onto assumptions**

**that closes all doors [to communication].**

**This [i.e., This exposure and communication]**

**is where**

**your spirit friends**

**wish you to**

- **improve and**
- **make of your**
  - **beautiful,**
  - **golden,**
  - **ever-growing**  
**community**

**a greater glory,**

- **expressing the Christ,**
- **serving the Highest.**

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***I want also to call your attention to  
a specific observation:***

***watch the parallels  
between the***  
• ***outer***  
***and***  
• ***inner***  
***growth***  
***and***  
• ***the expression  
of your group entity's  
higher self.***

***At times***  
***one [say, for example, the inner growth]***  
***is ahead of***  
***the other [is ahead of, for example, the outer growth].***

***At other times***  
***it is reversed [i.e., in this example, the outer growth is ahead of  
the inner growth].***

***A certain balance [i.e., A certain balance between inner and outer growth]  
should be maintained,  
though it [i.e., though the balance of inner and outer growth]  
can never be  
completely even.***

***This [i.e., This complete balance in which inner and outer growth  
are completely even]  
is not necessary.***

***If the imbalance  
between  
• inner  
and  
• outer  
growth  
does not become too great,  
it [i.e., the imbalance between inner and outer growth]  
can easily be adjusted.***

***No crisis  
will accrue  
from this imbalance.***

***It [i.e., the imbalance between inner and outer growth, when not too severe]  
is all  
in the scheme of things.***

***So far  
your  
inner development  
has always exceeded  
the outer [development],***

***and this [i.e., and inner development staying ahead of outer development]  
is truly  
• the more important,  
• the more solidly grounded  
way [i.e., more important and solidly grounded way for  
development to happen].***

***But the time has come  
when you can  
consciously  
• help  
the outer growth  
catch up  
and  
• make it [i.e., make the outer growth]  
more an expression  
of your  
inner reality.***

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*Look at this beautiful world  
with the eyes  
that*

- *see*

*the whole,  
that*

- *comprehend*

*the Lord's working  
behind all that is.*

*Let your hearts  
be filled with  
the freshness  
of life's healing power  
that flows from the Source  
that encompasses  
all that*

- *ever was created*

*and*

- *ever will be created.*

*This Source  
resides  
right in your own center,  
even when  
you are unable*

- *to connect with it or*
- *to experience its reality*

*through*

- *your confusions and*
- *your momentary suffering.*

*It [i.e., this Source]  
is always there.*

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***You are all  
surrounded by  
the great force  
that flows  
with such renewed vigor  
through your universe.***

***Be blessed,  
my beloved ones.***

***Pursue your commitment  
to the end,***

***never let up  
in your devotion  
to serve God.***

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