

## Chicago Lectures: 1937

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- (1) The situation in which man finds himself in the existent world-field involves something that is fundamentally wrong.
- (2) There is a feeling which frequently wells up from the hidden part of human nature that somehow it is possible to find a solution to the problem of suffering.
- (3) A small number of rare souls report having found a state of consciousness where joy is the normal condition; where knowledge with respect to the great fundamentals is certain and where the great problems of the soul attain a complete solution.
- (4) All the higher religions and philosophies teach a way whereby man may find a solution of the wrongness in which he finds himself enveloped in this world.
- (5) It is possible to reach to a level of consciousness where not only are all of the problems solved but there is also a richness of value beyond the human power to imagine or even desire.

High points of first lesson, which I missed.  
Lecture of 9-28-37 is same lesson of second series.

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SUBSTANTIALITY IS INVERSELY PROPORTIONAL TO PONDERABILITY.

This is a condensed statement of the key idea that enabled me to break through. When once the meaning of those six words is grasped the whole world and the whole system of values in the world will be inverted. You will have the key to destroy the illusions of life and open the door to the real. It is one form of the key to Transcendent Consciousness. It is the door to the fourth dimension. It took me thirty years to realize.

PONDERABLE strictly means THAT WHICH IS MEASURABLE. I am extending it to ANYTHING THAT IS CAPABLE OF BEING SENSED OR THOUGHT. He who really understands, I mean, more than intellectual understanding, he has the power to work out.

WE MAY REGARD THIS GREAT PROBLEM AS:

1st Primarily of ETHICAL CHARACTER  
Jesus did so treat it.  
REDEMPTION THROUGH ATONEMENT (key phrase)

2nd. As a problem in terms of  
KNOWLEDGE OR CONSCIOUSNESS TRANSFORMATION  
Sankara used this method.  
LIBERATION THROUGH KNOWLEDGE (key phrase)  
TRANSFORMATION THROUGH LIBERATION

Outstanding exhibits of two different approaches.

In the first case, when the problem stands as an ethical one - LIVING THE LIFE - one cannot think about it and then conduct himself in any other way in the life he leads; and, we have individuals who can formulate beautiful ideals, and then follow very different paths. The important point in living is THAT HE TRIES TO LIVE ONE AS GOD, tries to manifest that he lives the life. In point of fact, merely being a good individual is not sufficient to work through to Transcendent Consciousness. There has got to be TRANSFORMATION OF THE CONSCIOUSNESS CENTER ITSELF. That really is involved in the formula I put on the board.

Ex.: When you go to sleep you drop away from the familiar field of consciousness, and then perhaps you find yourself in another kind of consciousness which you call DREAMING, but you will note the behavior in the dream state is very different from that in the awakened state. It doesn't follow the same order. It seems to be quite erratic, but to the dreaming mind there is nothing erratic. Of course, we don't know in waking consciousness that we give the dream as it actually was. If in the midst of the dream the phase of consciousness that is propositus, rational, critical, breaks into the dream as it does in a waking-up consciousness, at that moment do you know that you are dreaming? You have an idea. There is an incommensurability between the dream consciousness and the thoughtrepresentation. You will know when you are telling a dream that it is not told quite correctly. It has been ... This is important, because there we are dealing with what I call CROSS-TRANSLATION. When we come to Cosmic Consciousness it is wholly different.

Now you can know from this dream experience that the center of consciousness has shifted from one level to another, usually through a darkness which we may call unconscious, between them. You don't know when you have gone to sleep and when you have awakened. I discovered that unless the Objective Consciousness can be aware of the fact of dreaming

consciousness you don't know the difference between dreaming and not dreaming at all. Now, we are coming to something very significant, and that is simply this: that for all practical purposes,

THERE IS NO DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A CONSCIOUSNESS OF WHICH YOU ARE NOT CONSCIOUS and UNCONSCIOUSNESS.

That's what the psychologists call the UNCONSCIOUS. I will call it A CONSCIOUSNESS WITHOUT SELF-CONSCIOUSNESS. There is a difference between consciousness without the awareness and the consciousness with a consciousness.

AWARENESS OF THE CONSCIOUSNESS is SOMETHING THAT IS ACHIEVED.

All of the significance of one's life, down through countless ages, building in an adequate sense THE POWER TO BE AWARE OF CONSCIOUSNESS, so in the final analysis the acts of living the life, the whole life, are for preparing the individual so that he can get to the position where he can follow these subtleties. The impurities in human nature leave the inner levels of his consciousness so blurred that he cannot trace what is going on there, until it becomes cleared — presently the VALUES ON THE INNER LEVEL DO BECOME DISCERNIBLE.

THE THING IS DIFFICULT BECAUSE OF AN INHERENT SIMPLICITY, NOT BECAUSE OF GREAT COMPLEXITY; SIMPLICITY SO SIMPLE THAT ONE CONTINUOUSLY OVERLOOKS THAT.

The works of Sankara that were written are actual ... Buddha combined both. In a certain sense we can think of Buddha as being expressed in a more particularized sense both through Jesus and Sankara, as our work is in one sense a continuation of this same effort. The point is this: (there are other movements, such as the old Persian ...) There is about this current an emphasis of reasonableness, an appeal to the intelligence and to practical moral conduct and those are the things we check. I don't believe in needless mysticism. There is the ugly in the hidden that no one can reveal, try as he will.

SANKARA taught LIBERATION THROUGH KNOWLEDGE.  
JESUS taught REDEMPTION THROUGH ATONEMENT.

In common with our book EQUILIBRATED TRANSCENDENCE you will find in authentic sources this:

MAN ACHIEVES LIBERATION. IT CANNOT BE BESTOWED UPON HIM.

There is no such thing as attaining Cosmic Consciousness by its just happening. There are some cases where it seems to be spontaneous, but the explanation will go deeper than the seeming: On the one hand, if it were only a matter of each individual being dependent only upon his own efforts, there would .... Buddha did teach, although he said man would have to put forth his own efforts. There were a number of individuals who came through to a degree of Arhat Consciousness. Sankara and Jesus did teach ... by parables.

Let us liken man to a seed, which, if it is to grow into a tree or plant, must put forth its own effort of growth. Now, if this seed is planted in the antarctic region no amount of effort that the seed might put forth of its own would be successful. If the seed is planted in a shady place it may grow up, but because of insufficient light

it may grow slowly and not be healthy, assuming it requires sunlight. But, let us plant that seed in favorable soil, and pour upon it an abundance of sunshine and water, then the self effort of the seed becomes fruitful in result.

WHEN GOD, SOURCE, MIND or COSMIC CONSCIOUSNESS CARRIES INTO THE PRESENCE OF OTHERS, this that we call LIGHT, THE WATER OF LIFE, then the EFFORT OF THOSE OTHERS IS FRUITFUL OF RESULTS as it would not be otherwise.

Illustration from Buddha: Those of you know, who are familiar with the story, that he tried six years with five associates ... abandoned them, followed his own intuition, no insight, and succeeded. Then he came back to these five ascetics - Brahmists. They were very much in earnest. They had worked for years and hadn't been successful, and after Buddha came back the first of them became an Arhat in five months. To become Arhat means TO WORK THROUGH. A certain light was not there which made conditions favorable. SO, IT IS POSSIBLE TO HELP, and SOME TIME IT IS NECESSARY FOR EVERY INDIVIDUAL TO PUT FORTH HIS EFFORT. In point of fact, rarely ever is any individual able to supply all that is needed, but, WHEN HE HAS GIVEN ALL THAT HE CAN, then SUFFICIENT HELP WILL BE GIVEN HIM IN THE END. This is the rule:

THAT CONSCIOUSNESS GIVES ALL FOR ALL, and IN THE FINAL HOUR, HE WHO IS IN EARNEST, ENOUGH SO THAT HE GIVES HIMSELF COMPLETELY, THROUGH ALL HIS NATURE ... FORCES THE DOOR.

There are periods when one feels he is giving up. You may feel life is going in process of retraction. In one sense this is true. It is just exactly what happens to the caterpillar when he goes through the chrysalis stage. To become a chrysalis is a tremendous sacrifice; but, what happens in the next stage? The caterpillar comes out transformed as a butterfly. As the caterpillar he functioned only in a two-dimension world, so he lost nothing. He is now in a three-dimension world, capable of flying... He lives now in free space, and so you might imagine him, if he had enough self-consciousness to do this, saying "Whatever I lost in that former life I have more than regained." And infinitely more, because the third dimension is infinitely greater than the two dimensions alone. BUT, the caterpillar couldn't say "I'LL PUT SOME OF MY FEET OUT...." nor can a human being be successful if he HOLDS HIMSELF to the CATERPILLAR CONSCIOUSNESS, that is, EARTHBOUND CONSCIOUSNESS. Sooner or later will come the time. The natural course of life will bring it all. The time will come as the course of life, to SHIFT THE PLANE OF INTERESTS FROM EXTERNAL ATTACHMENTS to ANOTHER KIND OF VALUES, not clinging to any external values, and then LIFE IN THE FREE SPACES BECOMES ONE ONLY.

You will notice that in Jesus we have 'Redemption through atonement.' - The complement of the principle that Sankara formulated; the idea that something that can be done for men so that they are not restricted to the laborious evils of THEIR OWN MAKING (my own recollection of what was said); so that an individual bondage can be transformed. It need not be the long process of trying to balance one's good by one's evil until they hold an equilibrium.

With regard to our ATTITUDE TO EVIL. Call it FAILURE, SIN, GUILT, SENSE OF SEPARATENESS. We won't look upon an evil will. We will look upon it as PRIMORDIAL IGNORANCE. It is not more than lack of information. A man may be well educated in the sense of information, and yet be ignorant

in the sense that we are using the term, and vice versa. One can lack formal education and yet have a good deal of spiritual value.

SOCRATES said: TO REALLY KNOW THE GOOD IS TO DO THE GOOD.

If you really know it, not as a theory, but WITHOUT DOUBT, it BECOMES IMPOSSIBLE TO WILL OTHER THAN THE GOOD. Just as soon as a thing becomes certain - We differ radically from the spirit of St. Paul that there is such a thing as an evil will -

THE REAL CONTROL OF WILL is SPIRITUAL UNDERSTANDING that shifts the whole problem of man's growth, mastery, purification, into quite different terms from those we have known throughout Christendom. It is AN EFFORT WE MAKE to ELIMINATE IGNORANCE;

which again reminds you, it is not simply ignorance in the academic sense.

THIS SPIRITUAL KNOWLEDGE is A KNOWLEDGE THAT HAS DEPTH.

Theological knowledge is knowledge that has only surface. To illustrate: We can draw plans of a building, or a bridge, or a machine. We can give specifications with those plans, sufficient so that a competent builder can actually construct a building, bridge or machine that was intended. Now the plan is like an idea that has surface, and no depth. The building, bridge or machine has depth. You can walk into a building and get shelter... Spiritual knowledge is like the building and the bridge. It has the depth quality. SO FAR AS OUR THOUGHT can go, we can only GIVE A DELINEATION IN the TWO DIMENSIONS of the plan. The DEPTH QUALITY there remains as the HIDDEN PART. We may sense it.

SHAKESPEARE' SONNETS - read his triumph (?) into consciousness. There is an eternal, timeless value. Some such man may not be a master of language, may be a crude writer, as York, and yet because he had the consciousness, they live. People get something out of them. Did you ever try reading DANTE'S PARADISE LOST? You will notice that Beatrice is Cosmic Consciousness, transcendent. Virgil goes out when Beatrice comes in. There is something there beyond words, and yet that book will do something to you even though you don't understand a thing that is said.

COSMIC CONSCIOUSNESS is BROADER THAN OUR ORDINARY NOTION OF RELIGION.

Q. What was the first point that was characteristic of all religion? What did all religions find in common?

A. One common ground: That something with the world as it is is wrong. It really implies this: that the problem of religion is the parable teaching the life ... ; the fact that somehow or other this human consciousness has gotten off the track, and that is the reason it has so much trouble. Our first effort is to get back where life, permanently suffering, will be under the predominant color of joy, of happiness, of real healthiness.

Q. What evidence is there that there is some way out of the wrongness? There is something every individual is seeking. You wouldn't be seeking for something unless there were a feeling, some hope. Everyone is in a class like this because something is incomplete, something is lacking, they feel. They also feel there is some way out.

A. Somewhere, souls have reported, some have stood up in the role of men, as far back as the records go, up to the present, who say they have found this way out, and furthermore, they offer in their own lives evidence that is objective. Take an instance of something happening to a man even in our own near past. We have Walt Whitman, who, in his early youth, as a writer, never could make his early works sell; never even after did his early writings carry weight. Something happened to him - AN AWAKENING, TO A DEGREE OF CONSCIOUS CONSCIOUSNESS, and then although he wrote in a form that was very far from conventional - he violated the rules of poetry as none at that time - he finally reached the point where his writings are considered as works of one of the world's great spirits. Many find him a source of inspiration and light. This is merely an incidence.

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- Q. What was the primary emphasis Jesus put on his teaching?  
 A. Ethical problem - living the life.
- Q. What was the primary emphasis made by Sankara?  
 A. Knowledge and consciousness transformation.
- Q. Are those two appeals to be regarded as completely separate from each other?  
 A. No, they are blended. You cannot get through if you don't apply. It is more than a matter of understanding. You must effect transformation of consciousness principle in the end. Everything is instrumental to that.

LIBERATION THROUGH KNOWLEDGE - keynote of Sankara's work  
 REDEMPTION THROUGH ATONEMENT - keynote of Jesus' work

We are aiming at a synthesis of these two phases, corresponding to the heart and the head - the Eros and Logos - broadly corresponding to the difference between man and woman.

AFFECTION is the proper term for all of the emotional or desire, or reacting sides of consciousness - hate, love, anger, joy, peace, indifference, so on, through that whole list of tones of consciousness - sometimes called the Affective Side, Emotional Side. The quality of love, peace - more properly emotion. The word 'feeling' is inadequate, because feeling we use in three senses:

I feel pain. (sensation)  
 I feel happy. (moral sentiment)  
 I feel Jimmie is coming down with something. (intuition)

Feeling, therefore, is ambiguous. When I speak of affection I don't mean the feeling of love. I mean ALL OF THIS STATE OF ONE'S CONSCIOUSNESS. Affective is the adjective form of it. Affective state of one's nature corresponds to Eros, again to Love, and in a sense to the feminine principle, although every human being has both. Woman has the effective side predominant, and man more in general, the cognitive, from Logos, which is wisdom in its highest sense.

Law of Enantiopathy (?) - very psychic side  
 Law of Periodicity - those people never go to extremes.

Youthful races do go to extremes as they strike hard in one direction. It has been pointed out that sometimes a person may be a saint in one life and then quite the opposite in the next. CULTIVATE THE BALANCED WILL. TEND TO SLOW DOWN, RESERVE POWER, and WHEN THE COUNTER-MOTION COMES then you can USE THIS RESERVE POWER WHICH YOU HAVEN'T EXHAUSTED.

Jesus said to Nicodemus, "Ye must be born again." He was too much of a materialist, and couldn't understand it. Modern psychologists in form of truth now recognize that there is a BASIC PSYCHIC DOMAIN in connection with this REBIRTH. Some give it a metaphysical interpretation. He gives it the meta-psychological. Both agree in this:

IT IS A REBIRTH BEYOND CONSCIOUSNESS AS WE KNOW IT  
 IN THE FAMILIAR SENSE.

The significance of the Second birth is simply this:

THAT MAN'S PROGRESS IN A SPIRITUAL SENSE IS NOT SIMPLY A STRAIGHTFORWARD EVOLUTION IN A STRAIGHT LINE, BUT IS A MOVEMENT THROUGH PHASES, AND AT A GIVEN FIELD OF CONSCIOUSNESS, AT CERTAIN TIMES, HE HAS TO BE TRANSCENDED INTO A DIFFERENT PHASE.

The caterpillar doesn't achieve the state of butterfly by simply ... He would still be a caterpillar. Merely development in the direction of our external stream of culture does not solve the deep spiritual or philosophical or moral problems that are driving in the inner nature of man. He becomes, therefore, first, at a certain point - the equivalent of becoming a bigger and juicier caterpillar. There is a time ... The child has a prenatal life of nine months; life in darkness. This life would not be possible without that. He passes through the crisis of birth, and then starts anew on our familiar world here

Ordinary death is a kind of BIRTH INTO ANOTHER PHASE OF CONSCIOUSNESS, and this continues PERIODICALLY. The SECOND BIRTH, which Jesus spoke of, is not the ordinary birth at death. One may go through many deaths or lifetimes in essentially the same forms, preparing for the time when he may be ready for the second birth. When the SECOND BIRTH IS REALLY CONSUMMATED, the man, we say, is no longer an earth-walker, but a SKY-WALKER. He may still have a body in this plane, but HIS BASE OF CONSCIOUSNESS IS SHIFTED. That which he calls home is different. This is symbolized by the tree with roots in the heavens and the branches pointing down. That really means that HIS ROOTS ARE IN DIVINITY, in the conscious sense, the sky symbolizing divine consciousness. The Second Birth is a BIRTH INTO RECOGNITION, INTO DIVINE NATURE, SPIRITUAL BEING - A BIRTH FROM THE EXTERNAL TO THE INTERNAL. At that time he becomes at least a CHILD IN GOD-CONSCIOUSNESS.

There are a number of individuals in the world today who have reached the point where they are ready for the Second Birth. There is not a big percentage but it is an important number. The possibility runs latent within them unless that possibility is stirred into action. Our biggest interest is in the stirring of that possibility to action in those that are ready; secondly, in those that are not yet ready, to help them on toward that day. If now we had thousands in this world who had passed that Second Birth, the PROBLEMS OF GOVERNMENT AND ECONOMIC and all other problems that baffle us COULD BE HANDLED, BECAUSE THERE WOULD BE ENOUGH WISE MEN. (A hospital with thousands of beds - one doctor - patients crying for attention ... Only those who had passed through rebirth would be available.)

Facing it frankly, our GOVERNMENTS ARE FAILING BEFORE THEIR BIG PROBLEM, and it is because we haven't gotten the DIVINE WISDOM which ALONE IS NECESSARY for handling the problem. Blind leaders leading the blind. So, those who can awake, not only for their own good but their own large part in the name of a WORLD NEED, should not delay in that effort. AWAKENING, of course, involves something of a CRISIS, like NEW BIRTH; something like the dropping of ripe fruit. With some natures it is FOLLOWING THE DARKEST HOUR.

Begin to see more the importance of that PURIFICATION. The more that is accomplished the easier the TRANSCENSION when the HOUR COMES, and when it takes place the new man is like a newborn babe. You can sense the quality when it happens. There is a new consciousness. There is as though a peal of joy rings out and spreads through the consciousness. At the rest when those new births take place. DIVINITY COMES AWFULLY CLOSE AT THOSE HOURS. It really is a very precious event. Now, we are seriously here to

favor that birth for as many as can respond. We don't know when the hour may strike. There is a mystery there. It is a little bit like radium activity. We can give averages, and say certain atoms of radium, probably a given number, will burst forth ... all leading to the point - establishing a base. When you establish an anchorage on a totally different level, when the pleasures of this life are actually transcended - it is a level that you cannot explain. How could the butterfly tell how it would seem to fly... while still a caterpillar?

We go on with our more scheduled formula by certain points I will make about LIBERATION in anticipation of more complete development later.

LIBERATION OR ANY PHASE TOWARD LIBERATION can take place INSTANTANEOUSLY. Typically, ONE AWAKENS SUDDENLY, but in PHASES OR STAGES.

THE AWAKENING PROCESS IS A SERIES OF DISCRETE STEPS.

LIBERATION OR AWAKENING is NOT THE DIRECT FRUIT OF ACTION. It is partly SOMETHING SPONTANEOUS, that no man can control.

We have two statements: A MAN WINS BY HIS OWN EFFORTS, and next, THERE NEVER CAN BE THE FRUIT OF ANY CAUSE SET UP IN THIS WORLD. You will have to get used to paradoxes. Anything that you can grasp in your consciousness as you are now is ... You can win it only by self-effort, and, on the other hand, no effort you possibly put forth can accomplish it.

We can reconcile this partly by a figure of speech. We might say, 'By our own self-effort we can prepare a candle with a wick in it, but that WE have NO COMMAND OVER THE POWER that CAN LIGHT THAT CANDLE. Unless the candle is prepared there is nothing that can be lighted. EACH INDIVIDUAL IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE EFFORT THAT CAN LIGHT THE CANDLE, BUT, THE LIGHTING OF THE CANDLE DEPENDS ON THE POWER THAT TRANSCENDS THE HUMAN CONSCIOUSNESS.

Metaphysically spoken of, we may think of it as BY THE GRACE OF GOD. It functions through whatever POINT HAS BECOME ILLUMINED ALREADY by that GRACE OR SPONTANEITY. The FLAME of the GURU can light the candle of the CHELA when the candle is prepared. The CHRIST OF GOD is a more familiar expression.

As the LOWER CANNOT COMMAND THE HIGHER, so the INDIVIDUAL EGO is NOT LORD OVER THE UNIVERSAL SELF. Bear in mind that by UNIVERSAL SELF and DIVINITY we mean EXACTLY THE SAME THING, only, instead of thinking of divinity as something objectified, by which means you can never find it, you must first think of it as IDENTICAL WITH THE MOST INTIMATE THING ABOUT YOU - YOUR OWN INMOST SELF.

The Self, which it must be remembered is IDENTICAL WITH DIVINITY, does not stand within the causal sequels. We will take up that later in our discourses of ...

The individual can through his effort prepare the candle, as it were, but the Flame is lighted by a spontaneous act of Spirit, and here is where love enters, and love is not constrained ... This love excuses none, FOR I, SPIRIT, DENY NONE OF MY CHILDREN. SUCH IS NOT MY NATURE. EVER WAITING, FOREVER FORGIVING, I POUR MYSELF IN THROUGH THE OPEN DOOR.

If you have the candle prepared you can trust the lighting process. You can't command it, but you can trust it. Have no fear, when you are ready, the hour has come - that other agency that is beyond your will act. Jesus said it comes as a thief in the night - "Ye know not what hour I come, but be prepared." and you may rest assured that it will not be delayed beyond the point that the individual man is adequately prepared.

He must have a certain DEVELOPMENT OF INDIVIDUALIZATION, or he will be carried into the Transcendent State as though it were unconsciousness. Even animals have their urbanic state. It is for them a state that is undistinguished of consciousness.

While it is conceivable that some individual might rarely, by the appropriate effort, without any help, achieve AWAKENING, it is almost never that such cases happen. With the cases of the Western mystics - Whitman, Trabaugh, Carpenter and William Lloyd - there is this seeming spontaneity. Actually, those seemingly spontaneous cases are directed behind the scenes. In most cases they don't understand what has happened, because the West has not a Science of Yogi. There has been a systematic ... but there are forces acting behind the scenes in such cases. I wish you would note this point:

PRACTICALLY FOR ALL MEMBERS OF THE HUMAN FAMILY  
LIBERATION IS ATTAINED ONLY IN CONJUNCTION WITH  
THE AID OF THOSE WHO ARE ALREADY LIBERATED.

In other words, there is available what we call the GURU-CHELA CHAIN. Figure from electricity: Life is a phase of electricity; only our gross electricity is a lower phase and modification of this same principle. The life that sustains human bodies, animal bodies, etc. is another modification of the UNIVERSAL LIFE.

THE AWAKENED CONSCIOUSNESS IS AWAKENING TO  
CONSCIOUSNESS ON THE LEVEL OF UNIVERSAL LIGHT,  
OR SOME HIGHER INTERMEDIARY STATE BETWEEN  
THIS AND UNIVERSAL LIGHT.

NIRVANI - ONE WHO HAS MADE CONSCIOUS CONTACT WITH UNIVERSAL LIGHT

SIVA -MUCHT (?) - LIFE IN THE UNIVERSAL SENSE

DR. YOUNG - LOEBIDAL is Divine

Transcension - on one side of light levels we have the undertaking analogous to electricity, so, it is more important that you be here in this room than that you should understand all that I say.

Q.  
A. We could know the non-relative. Yes

Formula - formless body - dynamite

We have many steps to go through before we come into Formless Consciousness. As a matter of fact we have got to see the world as from a formless base.

Re formula:

Q. What do we mean by substantial?

A. That which has a real substance. Substance is that which has depth, thickness, fullness. In other words, that which has substance is Divine. Substance is that which is self-existent. It does not have to depend upon something else for its existence. Depth quality, not simply surface. Gross - table - dependent on the tree and the fabricator - so with everything you can see.

Q. What do we mean by inversely?       $\frac{1}{1}$        $\frac{2}{2}$        $\frac{3}{3}$        $\frac{4}{4}$       A. That is a mathematical expression. The inverse of the first row of numbers is the second - the smaller.

would mean, that as one increases the other decreases -  
Newton's law is: The greater the distance between two bodies the less the attraction.

Because you can see it (the book) it isn't substantial. No matter is completely solid. In other words, the spaces between the molecules and the electrons and protons actually are greater than the filled portions. THE MORE GROSS THE MATTER the LESS SUBSTANTIALITY.      EMPTINESS - VACUUM.

When you see the PONDERABLE WORLD AS A VACUUM then all things clear up. Think about - the right about face.

Copernican Stage :

SUBSTANTIAL ELEMENT: THE DIVINE or TRANSCENDENTAL ELEMENT, which most would say comes from God, but which I call THE SPONTANEITY OF THE SELF.

9-16



affective qualities:

the feeling of joy

the feeling of peace - I realize a state of peace

the feeling for morality - ethical notion underlying this is affection

(c) cognition

domain of the conceptual life or understanding proper

the power to develop a language

REMEMBER: A judgment of existence proves nothing against a judgment of value.  
Science deals only with judgment of existence.  
Agreement as to fact does not necessarily imply....  
agreement as to significance of the fact.

Q. ?

A. There are laws in higher levels and laws in lower levels.  
When we are high enough we can be conscious of just what we want to be.

9-17

Light is the symbol of consciousness.  
Light of consciousness has as its positive pole the EYE.

Q. Can you observe an instance of an object of consciousness in this room?

A. Yes, those flowers.

Q.

A. The element of Will is related to affection but is not an affection because there is an element of will.

COGNITION - is the domain of the conceptual life or understanding.

Animals do not have the cognitive power to distinguish. The POWER TO THINK IN CONCEPTS is what is radically different between man and an animal. Evolution in the highest animal has reached the limit. Further evolution requires something totally different in the brain. Man is in a totally different scale of life than the animal. He can think, can cognite, can develop a language .... The human class is a difficult class to win, and a difficult class to lose.

BETWEEN THE SELF and ANY OBJECT WHICH IS THE OBJECT OF THOUGHT

the chap you resent

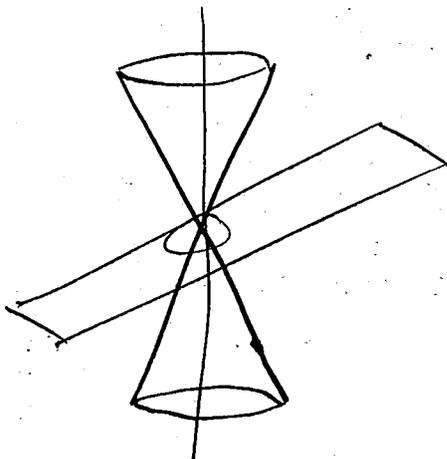
I love - something beyond me

I fear - something beyond me

I think a thought beyond me

} watch this

THERE IS AN ELEMENT OF DISTANCE; between the I AND ME, THE OBJECT. SHIFT into ANOTHER KIND OF CONSCIOUSNESS - and it is a SHIFT - right at this spot one can BE HERE, and AT THE SAME TIME, THERE.



The insufficient reality ...

In one case it gives us the world as reality, in the other case it gives us the world as appearing ...

Consciousness in a certain form determines the appearance; another form giving it another appearance.

Man's consciousness wouldn't see the cross-section, but would know the cone. That is the consciousness of reality.

It is opening another door that leads to TRANSCENDENT CONSCIOUSNESS. In this birth the personality becomes the mother of the new man.

Shift his center of self-identity instead of being ...

He who unites himself with the FIRE - the Fire of the Flame is the dance of JOY - shift your self-identity with the Energy itself - the Flame -

Think of yourself as an I, UNTHINKABLE, UNSEEABLE ..

In a few months you can go from the baby stage to adult.

You can recognize the freshness of childhood, of second birth.

Adjust the flow of the current; steady pressure instead of strong drive, not setting the will too strong; doesn't bring about strong reactions - middle way wisest.

Metaphysical is on utterly diverse basis from the physical.

Before the Christ within you make your confession. In this purifying act, which you are performing once each day ..., anything that an individual recognizes himself as ~~the~~ impure ... and which he still clings to, he puts up a barrier. Undermine the habit so the habit will be under you. You have got to get that attitude which WILLS to let go of the thing itself which the individual condemns.

There is a crisis - on one of the higher levels.  
You have really to overthrow the world.

REALIZATION - sweeps of attainment of the ego

ILLUMINATION- luminous

COSMIC CONSCIOUSNESS - involves the idea of a consciousness  
not illumined by form, but rather that  
within which forms ...

ORDINARY CONSCIOUSNESS-consciousness limited by form.

CHRIST didn't die some 2,000 years ago. There is a rising in glory.  
To meditate and think upon it as pain is a great mistake.  
HE can suffer through witnessing their suffering.  
Christ lived that we might have Life Eternal.

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Approach from the psychological. Psychology in one sense, a science, in another sense, an art.

Psychic side of mind - you are on the unconscious. Language is symbolic. Expressed through dream states, images. Seat of the impulses ... Full meaning of soul - is in some sense a synthesis of that part of mind which is conscious and that part which we call the unconscious. Relationship like man and woman; two make complete entity. The conscious, voluntary mind is the egoistic mind. There is something in addition which comprehends much more than these two - THE SELF.

Christianity in its roots was Oriental. It came directly out of the East.

Intellectual - will directed

"EVERYTHING THAT MAN MIGHT DESIRE,  
HE CAN ATTAIN THIS DESIRE IN THIS WORLD;  
HE CAN REACH THIS ATTAINMENT IN THIS WORLD."

The deepest yearnings of man sooner or later reach a point where nothing in the world-field ever can satisfy.

DR. YOUNG (?) - Failure to believe in mortality prevents mortality. ? To satisfy the travail or demand of life there must be something that goes beyond this visible world into another domain. THERE IS ANOTHER DOMAIN. Of that I can now speak ... Conscious, I overlap the world-field and ...

THE FINAL VALUE OF ANY EXPERIENCE IS THE  
SIGNIFICANCE YOU CAN TAKE WITH YOU.

Transcendent State: REALM IN WHICH FORM IS NOT NECESSARY. From the level of this domain, where the Self is spelled with a capital S, COMMAND IS GIVEN OVER THE CONSCIOUS AND UNCONSCIOUS, and any delay under the sunshine is quickly ... Yearnings that may have existed and had no mode of expression become satisfied in a subtle but tremendously effective way - the power of this life that we are enabled to invoke in connection with this problem of the unconscious.

Great problem after the RECOGNITION, is the problem of SUBLIMATION - adumbrations.

Transformation of the man transforms the problem. What is not solvable from one level becomes solvable from another. It is the Master Way to solve problems - reaching toward Cosmic Consciousness.

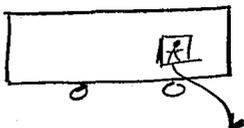
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COSMIC CONSCIOUSNESS IS A CONSCIOUSNESS  
WITHOUT SYMBOLS

and light itself is a symbol, not merely the word, but the experience of light. A Consciousness of the Symbol - any consciousness in which appears form in any sense, is consciousness of the symbol. There is distinct awareness of the object in all such cases. It is therefore not the pure Cosmic Consciousness. Consciousness of the RISING SUN is an intermediary symbol. COSMIC CONSCIOUSNESS IS A DIRECT CONSCIOUSNESS INVOLVING NO SYMBOL, NO CONCEPTS. You cannot imagine it, nor does one reach to it without passing through the intermediary steps, and be conscious of the consciousness. Swedenborg described this consciousness of the symbol - BEINGS. To be conscious of mind - they mean, apart from the consciousness - is Cosmic Consciousness. (?) For anyone to reach to the zone of the DAWN is to reach a place where few reach. To reach the DAWN is enough to be among the few. DR. BUCK.

RELATIVE CONSCIOUSNESS: EVERYTHING IS TRUE OR FALSE  
WITH RESPECT TO A BASE.

EX.:



Man in a car drops a stone to the ground.  
Man on the ground watching the stone fall.

From the perspective of the moving car the stone was seen to fall in a STRAIGHT LINE. From the perspective of the man on the ground it was determined by the pull of gravity plus \_\_\_\_\_, and it seemed to fall in a curve. Therefore, all things are true or false, only in connection with a base of reference.

EX.:



Man in a moving railroad car;  
Man on the ground;  
Both looking at the wheels.

From the point of view of the man in the car the pull of the wheels is a circular movement. From the point of view of the man on the ground it is in the form of a cycloid. Apart from a base of reference we cannot pronounce each one correct. Of course, there are erroneous statements ... This is typical of Relative Consciousness.

TRANSCENDENT CONSCIOUSNESS - is a level of truth not dependent upon a base of consciousness.

COSMIC CONSCIOUSNESS - beyond consciousness  
Many speak of as  
Consciousness of Consciousness

SUBJECT-OBJECT CONSCIOUSNESS  
RELATIVE CONSCIOUSNESS  
SELF-CONSCIOUSNESS - called by Dr. Buck  
THREE-DIMENSIONAL CONSCIOUSNESS  
WORLD-FIELD  
MICROCOSMIC  
THE UNIVERSE - Sankara  
SAMVRITI

COSMIC CONSCIOUSNESS IS A SYNTHESIS OF THE SUBJECT-OBJECT RELATIONSHIP, SO THAT THE SELF, THE OBJECT, AND THE AWARENESS BECOME ONE CONTINUOUS AND INSEPARABLE FACT.

Unless one has had a mystic glimpse I don't see how he could have any idea what this is. ... Relation to body and faculties, undergoes radical change. It is not right to speak of Cosmic Consciousness as an experience. It necessitates the transcendence of time, therefore it is not a time-bounded state of consciousness.

COSMIC CONSCIOUSNESS IS CONSCIOUSNESS ON A PRIME LEVEL.  
NON-RELATIVE instead of relative.

I avoid the use of Absolute. It is KNOWLEDGE THAT IS CERTAIN AND CATEGORICAL instead of uncertain and probable. On the level of Cosmic Consciousness there is INFALLIBILITY. There is no such thing as an infallible judgment.

TRANSCENDENT CONSCIOUSNESS IS A STATE OF CERTAIN INFALLIBLE KNOWLEDGE - but not knowledge in our sense of the word.

COSMIC CONSCIOUSNESS IS BEYOND SPACE AND CAUSALITY IN THE FAMILIAR RELATIVE SENSE.

Factors may block - qualifying the mind - destroying the egoism - that keeps us in a SEPARATENESS FROM THE TOTALITY OF THE WORLD. Diet and habit are minor matters. "If thine eye offend thee, cast it out." Crystalline acid rock - most familiar, granite. In that sort of a setting there is a magnetic force that is very favorable. Lower altitude, like that of big cities, can be overcome. Qualifying of mind, consciousness, destroying of egoism, somnambulism. Liquids, gases, or solid portions that tend to produce a counterfeit mystic state are dangerous. Alcohol, ether, narcotics, drugs; nitrous oxide to be avoided, but if you have to be operated upon, don't be afraid of it.

COSMIC CONSCIOUSNESS IS BEYOND CAUSALITY.

If we say such and such a mode of external action is beyond this state ... MEDITATION FOR LIBERATION - CAN OCCUR IN ANY CONDITION WHATSOEVER. He must overcome aversion and clinging. All we have to do on this plane is to work for THE REMOVAL OF BARRIERS - to prepare for the time when the individual happens to be in a HIGH STATE OF EQUILIBRIUM, then THE FLAME CAN CATCH HOLD, and there is ALSO the AID OF THE FACTOR OF INDUCTION. Overuse of affirmation can produce a tension instead of equilibrium. One doesn't want to hypnotize himself even with the true statement. Affirmation must be used in conjunction with KNOWING OF ITS MEANING.

NATURE OF THE KNOWLEDGE OF COSMIC CONSCIOUSNESS:  
THIS KNOWLEDGE IS IN THE SENSE OF PURE MEANING  
AND SIGNIFICANCE - WITHOUT IDEAS OR LANGUAGE.

Symbolically speaking, he thinks thoughts there. Sentences are abstract, and the volumes there are whole libraries. I mean, without symbols. Of course, before you reach that you will have gone through the levels of symbols, but the practice of seeking the MEANING BEHIND THE SYMBOL, BEHIND THE CONCEPT, helps toward this transcendent thought.

KEY: TRY TO IMAGINE SOMETHING JUST A LITTLE LESS DARK THAN ABSOLUTE DARKNESS, AND TRY TO GET YOUR GRIP ON. explains relativity; is the greatest thing in the world.

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ORDINARY CONSCIOUSNESS: reception or generic  
 Function - moral sentiment  
 Light is used as a symbol  
 The I is used as the polar.

A. BARRIERS are somnambulistic consciousness, persons walking in a kind of dreaming state. An awakened consciousness is necessary for a mathematician - calculus. He must be able to organize, command ideas, see them in their proper relationship. Most important to CONSCIOUS DIRECTED EFFORTS - THE RULER IN THE MAN'S LIFE SHOULD BE 'THE CONSCIOUS MAN.' Through that SELF-DIRECTED CONSCIOUSNESS that man attains mastery of any vehicle.

A. You STOP CLINGING, and then those qualities do the clinging, and you are knowing their power is all below you. First step to giving up something appears like renunciation. You let the qualities do the attaching instead of you.

A. You have to go ABOVE THE LEVEL OF THE OLD CONSCIOUSNESS, therefore it involves going above. You have to transcend that plane, and when the time comes that you should transcend, should be reborn, you MUST DO IT, or else you will go back.

Q. Give a name by which Ordinary Consciousness is known.

A. Relative or Subject-Object Consciousness  
 Three-Dominion Consciousness  
 Caterpillar Consciousness  
 Worldfield Consciousness  
 Microcosmic Consciousness  
 Samskara  
 The Universe  
 Samvritisatya (Sanskrit)

Q. What is the most important DIFFERENTIAL MARK OF LIBERTY, mark of Cosmic Consciousness, contrasted to Relative Consciousness?

A. It is CATEGORICAL, UNEQUIVOCAL.

RELATIVE CONSCIOUSNESS: Consciousness per se, imposes the space-time form  
 Space and time are forms imposed by consciousness.

COSMIC CONSCIOUSNESS: Is that before and above space and time.

KNOWLEDGE QUALITY OF  
 COSMIC CONSCIOUSNESS: SIGNIFICANCE is first, and  
 from significance the factors manifested are  
 projected for its manifestation, so,  
 MEANING PRECEDES THE IDEA, THE THOUGHT.  
 Speaking in the original or transcendent sense,  
 MEANING IS BEFORE THE WORD IS.

GROSS MATTER: Protons, positrons, electrons and  
 EX. Center, nucleus. Distance between these  
 portions which are matter is like the distance  
 between the earth and the sun. The solidity of  
 matter is about the solidity of the ...  
 relatively empty space.

NEUTRONS Have extremely heavily packed particles.  
It is calculated that you could get 1,000,000 in a thimble.  
There you would have a state of solid matter.

THOUGHT  
on the level of  
PURE SIGNIFICANCE is like the neutrons - packed close  
1 thimbleful - 1,000,000 ideas.  
One need not be long in that glimpse for material  
to work out a lifetime. The higher the spiritual the  
more compact ...  
A vacuum has more substance in it than a piece of lead.

SOUND is a relative emptiness of the consciousness.

VOICE OF THE  
SILENCE Fullness - consciousness in reverse order.

STORY OF BHAGAVAD GITA: Krishna never fights, although he  
advised the fighting for Arguna. Krishna - nothing is over soul (?) -  
birthless and deathless. BUT, it is also possible to shift the consciousness  
RISE TO ONE'S SELF-IDENTITY. Krishna - above fights. Peace can be maintained  
in principle. Death is but a shifting in the modes of life consciousness,  
and most emphatically a tremendous joy, affects a transformation. The  
essence of dying is not the dissolution of the body. It is a change of  
the level of percipience (our form of function) and apperpicience (power  
of intergrading, conscious about the self).

ORDINARY DEATH involves a state like dreamless sleep.  
Eschatology - doctrine of last or final things, as death, judgment,  
and events connected therewith.  
Epistemological - relative to the knowing process; necessary laws of knowledge

If the conscious being has integrated self-consciously in the ..  
such as the five senses, and if it is familiar with no other mode of con-  
scious levels, then if suddenly severed from that mode, and he stands  
there looking into the bright light, it will seem to him like unconsciousness.  
(Plato's Seventh Book - seems like darkness until he becomes adjusted to it.)

BREAKING THROUGH to NEW BIRTH IN LIFE is ESTABLISHING CORRELATION  
so man may know in other domains that he was. Cross-correlation through  
levels are vitally important, and holding the TWO INTEGRATED IN THE ONE,  
has only to be done ONCE IN A LIFETIME to establish the ...  
speaking of an individual that achieves undefined (?) consciousness.  
We are working in this course for that achievement. Conditional immortality.

PI-RELATIONSHIP, being incommensurate, means you acknowledge  
equity to any terms of area. Just as you cannot measure the square in  
the circle - birthless and deathless, and immortal - by the circularizing  
of the consciousness the square consciousness is taken up and blended ..

MAN MUST WIN THE POWER to BE AWAKE HERE AND THERE at the SAME TIME;  
dying while living. Consequently, while moving over, at the moment of trying  
to hold the two - SHIFTING OVER - some produce the effect of WHIRLING,  
DIZZINESS; conscious cross-correlation between that of the domain of the  
circle and the square.

PROCESS OF INDUCTION - matter of being carried over without it (?)  
being carried over. BE THANKFUL for the PAIN you get. Use the path blazed  
over by those who have already .. Dreaminess is a great BARRIER.

SODDEN: Stinks like sodden leaves in the spring, and goes down to ..  
The great law when dealing with those who are in a sodden level  
of consciousness, will go with violence, to stir that consciousness.  
PAIN, UNTIL IT IS PAST, HAS NO LONGER BECOME NECESSARY, IS ONE OF OUR  
VERY BEST FRIENDS.

DONKEY STORY: If we lag back on the road there is a certain point  
where the lash catches up with us. If we push ahead we don't get it.

DEHYPNOTIZING THE MAN: Awakening from a sleep. Really walking  
asleep. New aspirations, more powerful man. Dream consciousness - without,  
lacking any quality of precision. Glamorous consciousness ... drugs,  
light of moon, produce similar effect - hypnotizes; tends to lead him away  
from the ... All this is less than the liberated state. I PLACE BEING  
AWAKE EVEN ABOVE GOODNESS.

GOOD RULE: Everyday - by sheer willing  
DO SOMETHING YOU DON'T WANT TO DO,  
for building up positive correspondence,  
strong intellectuality.

Purification of moral nature - stiffness of mind.

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COSMIC CONSCIOUSNESS is a SYNTHESIS of the SUBJECT-OBJECT RELATIONSHIP so that the SELF, the OBJECT, and the AWARENESS become one continuous and inseparable fact. We would say, inseparable.

is NON-RELATIVE instead of relative.  
I avoid the use of Absolute.

This KNOWLEDGE is

CERTAIN and CATEGORICAL instead of uncertain and probable  
BEYOND SPACE AND CAUSALITY in the familiar relative sense

NATURE of the  
KNOWLEDGE of  
COSMIC CONSCIOUSNESS

is in the sense of PURE MEANING AND SIGNIFICANCE  
WITHOUT BEING DEPENDENT UPON IDEAS  
WITHOUT IDEAS OR LANGUAGE  
Symbolically speaking, thoughts there are sentences -  
abstract - and the volumes there are whole libraries.  
WITHOUT SYMBOLS

### CHARACTERISTICS

#### INEFFABILITY

Inexpressible, ineffable. You cannot express it to another. The immediate content of our experienced consciousness is private; become strongly marked.

#### IMMEDIACY

It is a CONSCIOUSNESS THAT IS NOT DERIVED FROM SOMETHING ELSE. If you wish to pick out a desired quality you might say: I am beautiful; I am wisdom.  
IT is CO-IMMEDIATE WITH THE SELF.  
In a broad sense of the word we call it INTUITIVE.

#### KNOWLEDGE THROUGH IDENTITY

It is NOT A RESULT OF DEDUCTION, NOT A RESULT OF EXPERIENCE. It is KNOWLEDGE THROUGH BEING IDENTICAL WITH THAT WHICH IS KNOWN.  
FOCUS your ATTENTION upon THE NASCENT-OBJECT MOMENT (not yet out) instead of its being to you entire aeons, years. You realize suddenly that you have never been on the level with it.  
SELF-IDENTITY leaves a PERMANENT RECOGNITION IN THE SOUL

#### FELICITY

Bliss, sheer joy. Compared with the greatest joy you have ever experienced it is so far above it that you can't imagine anything like it.  
Spinoza said: Felicity is virtue. To be joyous is virtuous. (Spinoza - a case of Cosmic Consciousness.)

#### PEACE

Above the storm. The storm leaves him untouched. He can persist in the face of the storm.

#### UNITARY QUALITY

Man finds himself IDENTICAL WITH THE SOULS OF ALL CREATURES, in degree according to the LEVEL OF LIGHT CONSCIOUSNESS REACHED.

#### GOD-CONSCIOUSNESS

He who has realized this state knows that HE IS IDENTICAL WITH GOD, BRAHMA, ETC.  
Some types of consciousness may not use the word God at all, and yet have the same state. Not everyone who has attained Cosmic-Consciousness speaks of this state as God-Consciousness, but it is very commonly done.

## IMMORTALITY

The man NO LONGER BELIEVES OR THINKS that HE IS IMMORTAL. HE KNOWS THAT HE IS SO, UNEQUIVOCALLY, without doubt. The person not having realized this state might say: "How in the world do we know that?" Extended consciousness in time, to infinity. Seems impossible - that one could not. That is a misstatement. It is through finding oneself ... IMMORTALITY IS A REALIZATION, A PRESENT FACT. YOU KNOW YOURSELF TO BE IDENTICAL WITH A TIMELESS SUBSTANCE, SOURCE AND CONSCIOUSNESS. Mortality is a function of time, and has no relation to the Timeless. All that is necessary is to have that RECOGNITION, that TRANSFORMATION OF CONSCIOUSNESS, and all the REST FOLLOWS. You know it WITHOUT A DOUBT. YOU ARE IN THAT WHICH WAS BEFORE TIME. Self-identity is no longer body-bound, circumscribed by this kind of recognition which we have through bodies.

## FEARLESSNESS WITH RESPECT TO DEATH

It doesn't mean that the natural man may not dread pain, although even that may be overcome, and there are ecstatic states in which it is known that persons have been tortured to death and not felt death. In the Christian martyrs that very often was the case. Death is ... the essential mode is an exodus. We would have a better attitude if we would view it this way, that death is something to be looked forward to when the time comes, as well-earned rest; that it is a reward of a birth to something far better. Then we get our correct relationship to it. That will make the passing over easier.

Story of Ex President Hoover, in China - men at the mines a man would be quite willing to sacrifice himself to death because the government gave the family \$30.00 - a high price. That fear of death is not essentially a part of the passing out. Fear is something that has been imposed upon us; grown in in the Christian era, not through Jesus, but through church councils.

Regarding exercising any INNER POWER.  
THE MORE UNCONCERNED YOU ARE, THE MORE ALOOF YOU ARE,  
THE MORE POWER YOU HAVE. As soon as you get ANXIOUS  
the MORE YOU REDUCE YOUR POWER.  
This is a very POTENT STATEMENT.

## ILLUMINATION:

A SENSE OF LIGHT is in some sense a PRACTICAL UNIVERSAL EXPERIENCE OF THOSE WHO HAVE ATTAINED SOME DEGREE OF COSMIC CONSCIOUSNESS OR MYSTICAL (?) CONSCIOUSNESS.

This light is often in a sensible form; may be in a form that is seen. St. Paul is an example where the subjective light was so strong that it was seen by those who were with him; so strong that it left him blind for three days.

St. John of the Cross - incidentally perhaps the finest of all of the true mystics of the European group of Christian or at least of the Roman Catholic faith; went into a very fine consciousness. He was not a man of great intellectual power, but of great native ...; pre-eminently a man with a soul of much depth. The light was so intense that it was reported to be so strong it was seen by one of the jailers as coming out under the door. It lasted .. ; left him also with eyes somewhat

weakened for a few days after. More usually the light phenomena is not so intense.

LIGHT BRIGHTER THAN THE LIGHT OF THE SUN -  
DIAMOND-LIKE LIGHT.

In other cases, ILLUMINATION PASSING ON TO THE SUBJECTIVE, LIGHTING THE CONSCIOUSNESS.

EDWARD CARPENTER and J. WILLIAM LLOYD - did not have the sense of light. There is a reason for this difference. There is the SIDE OF THE SOUL RELATED TO THE FEELING NATURE AS WELL AS THE SIDE OF THE COGNITIVE NATURE. Sometimes there is a development of one side more than the other. IF THE MIND is ABREAST OF THE SOUL then IT IS ASSIMILATED. Most mystics are more developed on the side of the feeling than the intellectual. It is the residue that is not assimilated that accounts for the subjective light.

PLATO - SPINOZA - intellectually developed somewhat on the same order, on the feeling side, if not more. Feeling side highly developed expresses usually in poetry. Intellectually developed, in philosophy, expression of thought. The two are complimentary.

It is the resistance of non-assimilated residue that causes the vacuum of light. If it is subjective then it becomes ...

ST. PAUL on the road to DAMASCUS, energetic persecution of the followers of Jesus. His mind was in such .. the adjustment came afterwards. He made Christianity the universal religion which it would not have been without him.

What is seen, and known and reflected ...  
You will be yourself more completely than ever before, a divinity in the nature of a new discovery. Not everybody will have all of these, some of which are essential, others not.

#### FIRE AND HEAT.

There is often a sense of being afire, and with the sense of the Flame there may come a very decided heat. Again, the heat is related somewhat to the ... ; the fire burning without resistance doesn't burn. Large carbon content in the body will intensify the heat; however, it is a minor manifestation of the fire, FIRE ITSELF NOT BEING HOT; just as the heat from the sun in interstellar space or interplanetary ...

Invert - the very energy which went through -  
opaque body - piece of ice -

## TRANSFIGURATION

In some cases very marked. A transformance - a quality of radiance may be noted. The transformance of Jesus is an example in point, but it is by no means confined to him. There are references of this to Whitman, Traubaugh, St. John of the Cross. So, if there are others in the vicinity they can pick up this quality - difference of degree.

## TRANSCENDENCE

Transcendence of sin and guilt - of Karma.  
You transcend Karma, both good and bad.

## INSTANTANEOUS

Not a long, gradual process, but a sudden breaking out. In one moment you find yourself in that other world. You may be in that other world without or with any .. If there is no awareness of this world it is a trance state. Even the highest states can be attained without trance.

## DURATION OF ACTUAL PERIODS OF TRANSCENDENT CONSCIOUSNESS

They are brief. The evidence is that in the vast majority of cases less than one-half hour, and very rarely indeed is it ever more than two hours. Often only once in a lifetime. Jacob Boehme only three times. The fruits of even a glimpse - it doesn't take long to sow the seed .. can last a lifetime. Swedenborg - wrote a shelf of books about a yard long after he had attained it. Was 54 years old when he wrote his first book. A religion came out of this - a church with quite a following today.

## SPONTANEOUS

As though it happened of itself so far as your personal will is concerned. That is the rule.  
Traubaugh - American school of mystics.

## CONTROL

Very few attain this unless ..  
Control in the consciousness is possible but rare.  
That is a definite mastery of it.

There is no expression without some degree of mutilation, yet that expression does tend to convey the idea.

Dr. Buck - only once in his lifetime, and then only a half minute, but he wrote a book called Cosmic Consciousness.

Consciousness of the Symbol - Chinese see Buddha

Hindu - some saint ...

Christian - Jesus

These are forms through which the light breaks, so you recognize symbols.

FULL COSMIC CONSCIOUSNESS is a consciousness WITHOUT SYMBOLS  
WITHOUT OBJECTS

REALIZATION

is a penetration into the SELF  
into the full ..

Often in meditating we get a ME instead of an I. You have to get into the I, not an object, but as the purely SUBJECTIVE ELEMENT OF CONSCIOUSNESS.  
Poem - Point-I, Space-I. Nature of state - Nirvana, Absolute, Non-Existent  
Does not imply cessation of  
concession.

Drop down to the I that is a point; has no attributes. It is necessary.  
I-Consciousness. Ordinary symptom of ordinary relative man.  
First discrimination is dropping everything - body ...  
You just mean a zero, no point at all - spacial point - and space and  
object one - without even anything beyond me - Space-I consciousness is Nirvana  
From the standpoint of Space-I you know that you are not in your body,  
but the body is outside you ...

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KARMA AND WHAT IS POSSIBLE WITH RESPECT  
TO THE WORK THIS CLASS LEADS TO:

KARMA

in the general sense is:  
THE PRINCIPLE OF LAW GOVERNING THE UNIVERSE IN ALL  
ITS ASPECTS.

ESSENTIAL  
SIGNIFICANCE

is EQUILIBRIUM  
Every law of nature is a phase of karma.  
When science is studying the behavior of nature  
it is really studying karma.

State of primordial being and substance ...  
Original impulse countered by its counter corrective ...

Example cited - splitting up of atom ?  
Positive and negative can destroy each other and become  
disembodied light. That illustration should go a long way  
toward making Nirvanic consciousness conceivable ...  
mutual blending, annihilation of manifestation on one  
level and awakening on another. All fields of tension are  
sustained by the law of karma or equilibrium - rock, life,  
mineral, animal, man, etc.

KARMA

is THAT WHICH SUSTAINS HIM AS AN ORGANISM, AS AN ENTITY.  
sustains his gross body  
mental body  
{astral body  
{subtle body

May be ETHICALLY GOOD, BAD or NEUTRAL.

It is the FORCE that BEATS THE HEART, MAKES BREATH POSSIBLE  
...; the FORCE that CAUSES YOU TO SUFFER SOMETIMES and  
BE JOYOUS AT OTHERS.

You can balance Cause with Effect, so that there is not  
a residue.

KEYNOTE

EQUILIBRIUM.  
Any tendency to strain equilibrium at once invokes the  
opposite principle, therefore, plan your first move with  
an eye to what is going to be invoked as an opposite  
principle. One must act always in a framework of the  
law of karma.

There is no beginning of the process - no end.  
When self has identified itself with Eternal Self, Pri-  
mordial Consciousness, and has awakened to Self-Identity  
on the level, or within that which makes karma -  
(karma is the law in primordial consciousness that  
governs the universe, men and gods) when a man has  
awakened to Primordial Consciousness, he blots out his  
past and present karma.

## PRIMORDIAL LIGHT

which we call sometimes THE CURRENT, is the ROOT SUBSTANCE, ENERGY, or CONSCIOUSNESS from which ALL MODES OF ENERGY COME, from the lowest to the highest - atoms, cells, electrons, etc.

## GOOD KARMA

of ONE WHO HAS ATTAINED COSMIC CONSCIOUSNESS is DISTRIBUTED ... In one second is he free, and left no book, no balance. That is REACHING THE SEVENTH GATE, the one known as Nirvāna. ? . Such a one is known as a Nirvani. Whenever such happens he lifts every creature with whom he has had Karmic connection.

This is the highest point to which the Hindu thought reaches. So far as I know, the Hindu thought can go no higher.

## AVERSON AND ATTRACTION

tie one. What you hate binds you as much as what you love. The one attitude that keeps you untouched is an essential INNER INDIFFERENCE.

## REALIZATION

Dr. Wing says: THE REALIZATION CANNOT BE ATTAINED UNTIL THE DEBTS TO LIFE HAVE BEEN PAID, and THAT A CERTAIN CRUCIAL POINT HAD TO BE REACHED.

## PURIFICATION

is a short cut in the paying of these debts to life in so far as you were able to dig in; that is, when it is completed.

## KATHARSIS

from the Greek - MISERY - taking up the actual debris which is gathered in the consciousness; things that you put there, and which became a jam in life.

Cleaning of the Aegean stables - Hercules ? turning a river through them, and it was done in one day.

When you say I AM you are IDENTIFYING YOURSELF WITH THE PREDICATE OF THE PROPOSITION. If you are I AM WITNESS of such and such a state you are not identifying yourself with the predicate of the proposition. One can say "I witness ..." - which would correspond with ALOOF CONSCIOUSNESS. You are attaching yourself to a state to which you are identifying yourself when saying "I am sick," "I am hungry." If you say "I am never hungry, but the organism is" you can recognize it as a state felt without identifying yourself with it. As one holds himself above, in a position of the witness, one can go through Hell itself, as Dante did.

Power of example, the play of forces, bring a quality of peace, without interfering with other wills ...

If you THINK with ANGER, HATE, FEAR, JEALOUSY  
all of these negative tendencies,  
then it IS DESTRUCTIVE;

with LOVE, TOLERANCE, PEACE, COMPASSION,  
then it is CONSTRUCTIVE,  
gratifying in that sense.

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KARMIC GUILT, that is, SINS, WEAKNESSES, SHORTCOMINGS and OTHER IMPURITIES OF THE INDIVIDUAL CAN BE CONSUMED BY ONE WHO HAS ATTAINED NIRVANIC CONSCIOUSNESS AND HAS REFUSED TO ENTER IN COMPLETELY; ONE WHO HAS ATTAINED THE LIBERATED CONSCIOUSNESS AND TURNED BACK.

In compensation for his offering to serve mankind he is given a certain power that doesn't otherwise exist, to extend to those coming under his direction in the relation of Guru and Chela. This relationship of Guru and Chela involves the assuming of the karma of the Chela.... To sum it up, if you have any sins, weaknesses, shortcomings, etc. that you have not acknowledged, that have not been consumed, if you have dodged looking at things that you could have found, you have lost out.... This is not done merely from point of individual ... Be sure that the power is necessary. It is also necessary to know that it is not abstract. This was not possible until August 7, 1936. Not until some time later was the possibility of offering accepted. It is necessary to approach this as A REALLY VERY SOLEMN MATTER. YOU MAY GO MANY INCARNATIONS and NEVER GET SUCH AN OPPORTUNITY.

The TRANSCENDENT LEVEL is ONE THAT ABSORBS ALL KARMA, BY REFUSING, BY TURNING BACK. It SETS UP A CROSS-CORRELATION BETWEEN the TWO DOMAINS - SOMETHING OF THAT QUALITY OF THE OTHER DOMAIN IS BROUGHT DOWN - THAT LEAVES YOU WITH A PERFECTLY CLEAN SLATE IN SO FAR AS YOU HAVE OFFERED UP YOUR PAST SINS. Those that you have not offered up still remain. It is merely a cleared slate with respect to those you have offered up to the Christ ... Not simply a relationship such as between a teacher of knowledge and student.

It INVOLVES the PROBLEM OF ATTACHMENT - ATTACHMENT through PRINCIPLE OF INDUCTION. Tends to be marked ... Certain attitudes in that relationship have to make it possible, and on his part the pupil may not take the position of an ordinary pupil who may be a critic of the teacher. THE INDUCTIVE PRINCIPLE stands ENTIRELY ABOVE the FALLIBILITY OF KNOWLEDGE - the LINE OF TEACHING BEING A CURRENT ... THAT CURRENT SHOULD BE ACCEPTED. Later, when established on his own feet he will have his own quality. There are different modes of approach. IT IS IMPORTANT NOT TO MIX CURRENTS. YOU CANNOT GO TO ANOTHER TEACHER AND MIX CURRENTS.

This sort of thing happens only in those times ... particularly of emergency.

Makes it far more possible to awaken a degree of Cosmic Consciousness than otherwise would be the case. We are not expecting a 100% purification. That would involve going back too many incarnations .... but we are hoping to get enough so that when that consciousness begins to focus it will be an additional purifying agent itself. ?

Q. INDUCTIVE PRINCIPLE :

A. Like a power line, with alternating current, and placed under insulating wire. Within the magnetic field of that high powered wire you can take a second current off of that first wire. (Principle used in coils and automobiles all the time) It tends to arouse something ... Must be a relationship of sympathy and not antipathy.

Q. to the effect, COULD WE NOT START GIVING CHILDREN THIS TEACHING IN CHILDHOOD?

A. Not advisable. It is when the apex of life starts to go downward that the time is FAVORABLE to AWAKENING, because until then the self is entirely taken up with things about him in this great world, becoming acquainted with it. The first stage is getting familiar with the world. COSMIC CONSCIOUSNESS - rarely before 35 or later. Religious movement comes generally after middle life.

IN THE PRESENT ACT OF PURIFICATION only the NEGATIVE QUALITIES - THOSE ACTS, FEELINGS, ETC., OR THAT WHICH PRODUCES IMPURITY, SO FAR AS RECOGNIZED BY THE CANDIDATE - IS TO BE OFFERED UP.

There is such a thing as offering up all of one's qualities - GOOD AS WELL AS BAD - but we are only asking for the BAD. Some one said, "We should offer the good too." to which the reply was: "By and by one will be led by his inward drive to the Christ, if you wish to call it that - to God, or to the Transcendent- but that will come in its own time with the individual.

QUALITIES THAT ARE NEUTRAL - the capacity itself - we call NEUTRAL. If you have a good quality it is yours in your own right. You have earned it; and, your negative qualities too. When you can give yourself a pat on your back for one thing remember this: that there are other things of which you are not so proud.

THIS IS A SERVICE THAT GOES BEYOND ANYTHING THAT THE CANDIDATE HAS EARNED, SO IT IS NO ONE'S DUTY TO OFFER IT, NOR ANYONE'S RIGHT TO EXPECT IT.

Eighty passed through the class - twenty here now .... They choose - themselves - consciously, in that they passed on. Other factors that are readable.

This is NOT OFFERED TO INDIVIDUALS AS INDIVIDUALS, but as POSSIBLE CARRIERS OF THE CURRENT OF TRUTH to OTHER PORTIONS OF HUMANITY WHO ARE WANDERING IN DARKNESS. Now, do you see, we are organizing an army, and when an army is organized the government expects their hearty cooperation, because it is expected of them to carry on something that is the purpose of the nation. AN ARMY TO FIGHT DARKNESS, and not as individuals. You still remain in the position of choice. No one is taken into this who is not a volunteer. An officer in an army is trusted with authority. Whatever may be placed in his hands is not for himself, but as for the general cause - as that happens, in this case ... force. ? By passing through him 'til he, a sort of channel, can be assimilated peripherally, and then moves over and above - on a higher level, and still higher levels, until he ceases to be an end to himself but an instrument serving humanity as a whole. It is for those who are potentially ones who can carry on that we assume the purification of freeing them from past karma, so they may become such soldiers. If they don't wish to become such soldiers, all right, but you cannot get a special dispensation. It is not a special dispensation for ... individual purposes. It is a consciousness that uplifts, to humanity as a whole. Candidates share in it in a special way by not viewing themselves as ends in themselves. I am here tonight to make up an army - marshalling up forces - against Mara - bitter waters. There are some advantages in being in that army. Among them, this purification from negative karma. Thus, the candidate should not regard

himself as a CLOSED POOL, having an inlet but no outlet, but rather as a lake, which while it receives also SENDS FORTH ITS WATERS TO OTHER LAKES. Do any of you know what happens to water, as a lake with no outlet? Becomes salty, as our Great Salt Lake ... Remains fresh and pure only by CONTINUOUSLY CIRCULATING.

You have got to establish FREE FLOWING, and that CHANGES ONE'S SENSE OF 'I AM and I AM NONE OF IT' to the position of 'I AM and ALSO OTHERS'. There is still a HIGHER LEVEL, but that is sufficient. So, the objective is no longer crystallized around a private self, but that includes INCREASINGLY MANY; greater enrichment ... far out into a broad stream of others, and ultimately into the INFINITE SEA sometimes.

### EFFECTIVE

ONLY QUALITIES WHICH THE CANDIDATE WILLS TO OFFER UP (AS TO THE CHRIST)

And that 'willing to offer' is more than an intellectual judgment. It has got TO BE FELT. You cannot only say 'This is undesirable, and I have got to offer it up.' And, if you FEEL IT, it may reduce you to tears when you go through the examination.

FIRST, THE UNDESIRABLE ...

THEN, THE OFFERING MUST BE DONE REALLY WITH EFFECT.

WE DON'T FULLY GO WITH OUR JUDGMENTS IF WE DON'T ACTUALLY FEEL.  
WE ARE ALOOF, UNATTACHED.

FEELING IS VITAL IN THIS PART OF THE WORK.

THE CANDIDATE MAY ASK THAT HIS UNKNOWN FAILINGS MAY ALSO BECOME CONSCIOUS, SO THAT THEY MAY BE OFFERED UP.

If a person has weaknesses which his friends see but he does not yet recognize, some forms of selfishness - that UNKNOWN FAILING is the DIGGING DEEPER IN so that the LIGHT OF CONSCIOUSNESS can see it. There are characteristic weaknesses of race. Every race does have its weakness. With some there is a quality of morality on the negative side; that could be conscience, perhaps, by comparison.

### IMPORTANT

IF THE CANDIDATE HUGS TO HIMSELF NEGATIVE QUALITIES AND IS UNWILLING TO LET THEM GO EVEN THOUGH HE KNOWS THEY ARE NEGATIVE, THEN HE PLACES HIMSELF OUTSIDE THE RANGE OF THE PURIFICATION IN ALL RESPECTS.

You cannot take an attitude similar to this: 'These are some faults - but, here are some pet faults.' If you RECOGNIZE ANYTHING AT ALL - THEN YOU HAVE TO LET IT GO. IF YOU HUG ONE CONSCIOUSLY, DELIBERATELY, YOU MAKE YOUR PURIFYING ACT UNAVAILABLE. There may be faults you DON'T RECOGNIZE. I am talking about those that you do recognize. I AM NOT TALKING ABOUT THE HABITS. I AM TALKING ABOUT THE BASIC ATTITUDE. 'I know it is a fault; I like it too well.' That attitude is fatal. Some of these things may feel like anaesthesia. You are doing this by yourself. You are offering it daily or nightly, and that has been repeated several times, so you have prepared it in form. Sometimes it is a body of faults that are THE BARRIER, because there is DEBRIS DOWN IN THE SOUL. ? .... You don't have to have 100%, but you do have to have AN ESSENTIAL DEGREE.

Now, the residual impurities tend to be washed - old habits, old attitudes that are in accord with that attitude of consciousness; a distaste which occurs spontaneously afterwards.

POINTS TO BE COVERED IN PURIFICATION:

- (a) NEGATIVE ETHICAL QUALITIES (Most of those listed in 14 points would be so classed.)
- (b) SEEDS OF DISEASE IN THE PHYSICAL BODY.
- (c) THE SEEDS TENDING TO PRODUCE MENTAL UNBALANCE.

I think you can see it is a pretty large field. It covers the ground of the psychoanalyst and much that they cannot touch. Yogi quoted Dr. Young: (psychologist knows nothing about the substance of the ... . Some of our children come back to us insidiously and we have to work for them.

Transfusion of the substance itself, by a process analogous to fire. No matter how impure the material burned may have been - filled with foulness and germs - after burned it is pure matter, and the fire has not been stained by it. Substance cannot be destroyed. In a transformed state even the darkest sin can be changed to a blessing.

REMAINING CONDITION:

HAVING RECEIVED THE PURIFICATION IT BECOMES THE DUTY OF THE CANDIDATE TO SEEK AND FIND ONE OTHER SOUL WHO WILL SEEK THE RIGHT OF PURIFICATION.

Command: "GO THOU AND DO THY PART."

In this case that is not possible because there is not sufficient preparation. In this case it is reduced to bringing one other person into the work. That would apply for the next class. When we know - it is important to have that candidate - if the one who fails, and gives up, then there will be a rebound on him of the negative qualities from which he has been released. There is a tendency among human beings to get negligent ... When that candidate has been found and he is accepted for purification, then it closes the former qualifications, but don't rest until that one has been found. You will come back worse. It is a relatively simple thing when you consider the value of the CUP; but, that is categorical. You have no choice in it. That same obligation is carried on by the candidate you find. No one is wise to let himself become a deadend point. (Persons of Catholic Faith - there is a dual overlapping - priests - because their relationship to the priest involves confession.)

IF THE CANDIDATE FAILS TO BRING, OR FAILS TO STRIVE AND CONTINUE TO STRIVE TO BRING ONE OTHER CANDIDATE FOR THE PURIFICATION THERE WILL BE A REBOUND UPON HIM WITH INTENSIFIED FORCE OF THE WEAKNESSES OF WHICH HE HAS BEEN PURIFIED.

So, don't get lazy on that point.

Q. What if the person brought doesn't go through?

A. The best way is to have more than one candidate. He may drop himself out. You are not punished so long as you continue to strive. Find the person that HAS THE HUNGER, and THEN YOU CAN BE TEACHING ALONG THE WAY. Establish a correlation with him, personal magnetism correlation through a friend. DON'T FORM THE HABIT OF PUTTING YOURSELF AWAY FROM FRIENDS. That is YOUR CONNECTION. You effect current hungers in him and he .... You will have to be soldiers in the cause. Once you make the decision you have got to carry it through. That is the minimum condition.

Volunteer to do your part, and to bring additional candidates. Aid in material and financial support. Extend the LIGHT OF UNDERSTANDING WHICH YOU ALREADY HAVE to OTHERS WHO ARE MORE IGNORANT THAN YOU. These are over and above the condition, but ways to win the title "Good and faithful servant."

If the candidate has NOT CLUNG to any negative qualities but OFFERS ALL NEGATIVE QUALITIES SO FAR AS HE KNOWS, then HE WILL BE AS GUILTLESS WITH RESPECT TO THEM, as A NEWBORN BABY, not merely involving him in this life but with respect to the KARMIC CHAIN GOING OFF INTO OTHER LIVES FROM OTHER CAUSES. THIS DOES NOT APPLY TO THE NEGATIVE SEEDS SOWN AFTER THE PURIFICATION. It is up to you what you do with the slate. Not a blank check for the future.

IMPORTANT: THAT THE CANDIDATE SHOULD HAVE FAITH; and AN ATTITUDE OF DOUBTFULNESS TOWARD THIS ACT OF PURIFICATION TENDS TO NEGATE IT.

To such extent as he DOUBTS he will THROW OVER HIS MIND A VEIL so that even though purified, HIS PERSONAL CONSCIOUSNESS WILL NOT BE PERFECTLY AWARE OF THE FACT, and HE WILL RETARD THE POSITIVE REALIZATION OF THE BENEFITS TO HIMSELF.

There is such a thing as organized (?) habits, and it doesn't mean that the individual will not take care of his habits, but, that his past acts are cleared. When you get that clear you will get a chance to impede this consciousness to a degree. The individual may go to work and dirty up the slate afterwards.

CONTINUE with SELF-EXAMINATION until the PURIFICATION takes place.

#### EFFECT UPON OTHER LIVES AS WELL

This process is covering ground that is covered after death. Some after death states are not so pleasant. (Story - witness, study - curious ecstasy and pain.) If you have this purification before death you may go through without pain. It is quite an advantage, I can assure you. Don't fail to go way down deep ... you will be very grateful for the preparation you have made here if you have made it.

This is an actual Flame which consumes, but it is not a physical flame.

POINT I HAVE TO WARN YOU ABOUT:

PLEDGES ACT AS A BARRIER THAT WILL CAUSE A KICK-BACK, so, it will be necessary for the ~~protection of the~~ protection of the student that pledges should be completed before the initiation. I would not risk your being involved in what might happen if not.

A PLEDGE, A VOW, NEED NOT BE MADE, but WHEN MADE INVOLVES PECULIAR KARMIC CONSEQUENCES WHEN NOT FULFILLED.

Unfulfilled vows are ranked in the most serious AFTERDEATH STATE - if not fulfilled.  
IT BLANKS THE CONSCIOUSNESS THAT WAS.  
It cannot take or recognize peace.

Second  
Series

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We are here in the development of a group of ideas. The primary idea of this is not primarily giving some ideas on the subject of Cosmic Consciousness. We are interested in finding those who desire to advance toward the awakening of something of this consciousness, at least, so that the development of the ideas is only an aid to the understanding toward this end. There is a certain purification which goes with this course, which is of vital importance. Then there is a factor which you may feel, that will do something to your consciousness if you are responsive, and that is perhaps the most vital of the currents of effort to which this class is devoted.

Approach from: religious, philosophical and psychological basis. When I use the term religion I use it not so much in the general term as the true sense of religion. Religion properly is not concerned with a question of truth, but with the adjustment of consciousness. Being religious is not a matter of believing certain things to be true. It is much more an attitude of consciousness, and the purely religious element in an individual is that which is concerned with meditation, or with the quality of devotion, or a certain attitude of the affective nature that leads to TRANSFORMATION OF THE MAN. Now, the religious element, pure and simple is rarely found separate from other ideas and elements, like those involving belief that a certain statement or idea is true. The question of believing whether a certain idea or statement is true is a philosophical, and when these two terms are united we have A RELIGIOUS PHILOSOPHY. We unite the two terms, though we give emphasis to one or the other at different times.

My first approach tonight will be a little more through the religious side. Now, as we look about, as we experience the world in which we are, there is one feature very common throughout all history, among all people, practically at every stage; a Universal experience in point of fact, and that is, THAT IN SOME WAY LIFE OR THE WORLD ISN'T SATISFACTORY. THERE IS A LOT OF PAIN IN IT, THERE IS A LOT OF EVIL, A LOT OF HARSHNESS BETWEEN MAN AND MAN, so much so that after a time you become inured to it. You need only look over this world today, see what is going on in China, Spain, Europe. It is not a feeling between classes, not even the tensions or the tempo of daily life here, and there is a pain quality of something not satisfactory. It is not happy. Read the pages of history, and it is practically a record of pain. Here is the first point we start with:

THE SITUATION IN WHICH MAN FINDS HIMSELF IN THE  
INSTANT WORLD-FIELD INVOLVES SOMETHING THAT IS  
FUNDAMENTALLY WRONG.

That is the feeling that leads to the religious search on the negative side. Practically always a person becomes religiously alert when something in the element of pain is driven into his consciousness. There are some other factors that lead to it. That's a dominant one on the negative side. I don't believe it will be necessary to show how responsible this fact is but I want you to be well aware of it because that is giving us OUR BASE of WHY SOMETHING MORE IS NECESSARY TO BE ATTAINED. Joy periods are relatively very brief in contrast to the dominant background of pain. If you will notice your joy periods, they are often quite short, and that there are quite long, anxious periods of pain, either moral (?) or otherwise. That is the tempo of this outer life.

There are other levels where the dominant undertone is joy. Now there is a feeling that wells up in the mind that this pain background isn't right, that something else is possible, otherwise we wouldn't be led to seek. I want you to note this as SOMETHING IN YOURSELF. You may have to note closely, that the sense that somehow or other the extraneous, the external life isn't right.

THERE IS A FEELING WHICH FREQUENTLY WELLS UP FROM THE HIDDEN PART OF HUMAN NATURE THAT SOMEHOW IT IS POSSIBLE TO FIND A SOLUTION TO THE PROBLEM OF SUFFERING.

Now in addition to this feeling we have the testimony of literature, and sometimes, fortunately, we get it directly from somebody that there is a state where man does solve this problem of suffering. Now we have this feeling that there is a solution in us, and it is supported by these testimonies - Jesus, Buddha, Sankara and Plotinus - in fact the large list of mystics, and those who are AWAKENED, who have said that there is a state where one can directly EXPERIENCE RELEASE FROM ALL ENCOMPASSING PAIN AND SUFFERING. Read the literature. All the sacred literature is full of it. While that testimony doesn't become the knowledge of the person reading it, it becomes presumptive when you see people even up in our own day ... You find a language that is of no race and no time, telling of this state where suffering no longer enters, so, our next point is this:

A SMALL NUMBER OF RARE SOULS REPORT HAVING FOUND A STATE OF CONSCIOUSNESS WHERE JOY IS THE NORMAL CONDITION; WHERE KNOWLEDGE WITH RESPECT TO THE GREAT FUNDAMENTALS IS CERTAIN, AND WHERE THE GREAT PROBLEMS OF THE SOUL ATTAIN A COMPLETE SOLUTION.

That isn't the whole of it but that covers the vital element of the testimony. Thus, it means this, that joy, which everyone desires, that that understanding which is necessary, feeling at home, can be attained, and the baffling problems that dig deep in the individual's nature can be solved. If there is such a state, who is there that would not desire it? Isn't it the manna from heaven if one could find that consciousness? Everything then is resolved, all problems, and no longer are you a wanderer in the wilderness where you are bound. Now supporting the yearning and feeling that there is some such solution is this testimony, but they are scattered all over the range of human history, down to our present day. In addition, our fourth point:

ALL THE HIGHER RELIGIONS AND PHILOSOPHIES TEACH A WAY WHEREBY MAN MAY FIND A SOLUTION OF THE WRONGNESS IN WHICH HE FINDS HIMSELF ENVELOPED IN THIS WORLD.

Now to bring this point down to date you might add a fifth point. I have given you material from the base of physiological (?) evidence welling up in your own nature. I add MY OWN TESTIMONY, and say, UNEQUIVOCALLY:

IT IS POSSIBLE TO REACH TO A LEVEL OF CONSCIOUSNESS WHERE NOT ONLY ARE ALL OF THE PROBLEMS SOLVED, BUT THERE IS ALSO A RICHNESS OF VALUE BEYOND THE HUMAN POWER TO IMAGINE OR EVEN DESIRE.

That realization can be attained in this day, not merely in the past, not merely in the Orient, but in the West as well, for I have known it, and speak of what I know. Now that's testimony. To the inquiring mind naturally many considerations arise as to why such testimony should be credited. What reason have we for believing that such consciousness is possible, and how do you get it if it is possible? These are practical questions. How can this ability be demonstrated? Now in the first place it is not demonstrated through miracles. A miracle would be only a phenomena, because one could produce, let us say, something like communication through radio without using radio technique, but merely implements in the subtle constitution of the mind. That would be no guarantee of the state of joy, of the problems of the soul being solved, of the philosophical problems being solved, of being at peace; no guaranteeing of any of the really important things. It would be merely a phenomena. That wouldn't be any demonstration. There are psychical powers, very useful ones at times, but they are not demonstrations of the soul satisfying Realization. So far as the intellect alone is concerned, all we can say is, TO BUILD THE PRESUMPTION THAT SUCH A CONSCIOUSNESS IS.

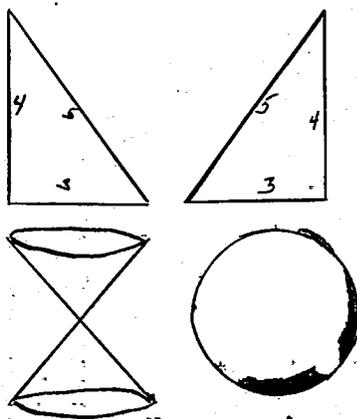
Before we are through I will try to make it clear, that there is something that can be demonstrated in the hearts and in the minds of those who are sufficiently responsive so that they have caught a glimpse. Now that is something that is direct and immediate. That is not a demonstration for the public as a whole but each one as an individual. There is no such thing as a demonstration for all that Cosmic Consciousness is a fact. Efforts in that direction are misdirected. We can build a presumption but there still remains a place where the office of faith is. It can be an intelligently guided faith. One has to follow something that is not clearly formulative in the consciousness, but is INTIMATELY CONNECTED WITH THE SOUL.

To make this work a little clearer I want to call your attention to two ways of approaching man's problems. One is the method of AMELIORATION. By that we mean, relieve difficulties or improve conditions on the same level where they arise. That is, if we have a disease condition in a certain portion of the world, due to swamps, we can attack that by draining or eliminating the mosquitos. There are a lot of problems that can be handled that way, but they are not properly the religious problems. The truly religious problem that goes deeply is of the type that requires an ACT OF TRANSCENDENCE for its solution. In other words, the truly religious method is a method of TRANSCENDENCE, or OTHER-WORLDLINESS, or SUBLIMATION. Many of the jams in which people find themselves, domestic and otherwise, are of a type so complex that you cannot possibly work out any possible reconciling course of action. Great numbers are that sort, and if consciousness remains on the LEVEL OF THE PROBLEM over and over again, he will say the problem cannot be solved, the only thing to do is to make the best of it.

THERE IS NO PROBLEM THAT CANNOT BE REACHED BY REACHING TO A LEVEL SUFFICIENTLY HIGH TO TRANSCEND THE LEVEL OF THE PROBLEM.

They are solved in many ways. One may be a definite resolution that you can formulate as an idea. In other words, it is a change in the mind. It is no longer a problem. His whole role has become such that the problem disappears, or it takes on a form that is purely ...

Because the type of thing we are dealing with is the PROCESS OF SUBLIMATION OR TRANSFORMATION, precisely the thing Jesus spoke of when he said "YE MUST BE BORN AGAIN", "MY KINGDOM IS NOT OF THIS WORLD" - that doesn't mean that the solution is when one leaves this body. One can reach to OTHER-WORLDLINESS or SUBLIMATION while still embodied here. He will still move in this world, but ON A HIGHER LEVEL. So, OTHER-WORLDLINESS doesn't belong to after-death states merely. I am going to illustrate this problem. Take these problems in geometry. Presume this is a right-angled triangle, with sides 3, 4 and 5; two of them.



We say the principle of equality of triangles lies in being able to superimpose one triangle upon another. The problem is to superimpose one upon the other, and we are going to try to solve the problem.

You couldn't do it in two dimensions, but suppose I bring in a third dimension. The third dimension symbolizes the MOVING IN.

Now again, suppose we want to reconcile two things like that - a hyperbole and a circle. How can two straight lines intersecting, and a circle be seen as a unity belonging to one entity. Think of it first as a third dimension again. Look at it from one point ... and it integrates also other forms. In other words, this means:

THAT BY BRINGING IN THE THIRD DIMENSION WE CAN INTEGRATE ELEMENTS THAT SEEM INCOMPATIBLE OTHERWISE.

This is the old story of the three blind men. One felt an elephant's leg and thought it was a trunk of a tree ...  
 one felt his ear and thought it like a fan ? . All different beliefs of different reality. . The fact was that these are all factors of one reality; all leading to this point:

THAT BY AN ACT OF TRANSCENDENCE IN CONSCIOUSNESS, ELEMENTS WHICH ARE IRRECONCILABLE ON THIS PLANE BECOME RECONCILABLE. MOST ALL PROBLEMS CAN BE SOLVED.

I am talking most of problems of love, health, national, racial, intellectual; can be reconciled by reaching into consciousness IN A SUFFICIENTLY TRANSCENDENT LEVEL - A CHANGE THAT TAKES PLACE IN THE MAN, MAKING THE MAN DIFFERENT - so it is not a question of the education of man, as he is NOW, but of MAKING THE MAN DIFFERENT. That's what "TOWARD COSMIC CONSCIOUSNESS" means.

Here is the testimony of a philosopher of our own day,  
WILLIAM JAMES. He says:

"The whole trend of my education (?) rose to persuade me that the world of our present consciousness is only one out of many worlds of consciousness that exist, and that these other worlds must contain experiences which have a meaning for our life also, and that life in the most veiled experiences and those of this world keep discrete, yet the two become contiguous at certain points and higher energies enter in."

A statement of a philosopher and psychologist of high standing in our present world. That point on:

ENERGIES FILTERING IN ON THE HIGHER LEVEL CONSCIOUSNESS;  
SOMETHING THAT DIDN'T BELONG; AND MAKES A DIFFERENCE IN  
THIS FIELD, CHANGING IT, BECAUSE OF THE ENERGY; A NEW  
LIFE, WHICH ACTS UPON CONSCIOUSNESS.

Now I want to get these ground points clear in the mind tonight, because we go into the deeper phases as we go on. I want those of you who are questioning and exacting to be satisfied, if possible, as well as those who believe more readily. Are there any questions?

Q. Re clairvoyance, perceiving psychically ...

A. Spiritual clairvoyance is not a matter of seeing objects but of seeing meaning ... Kundalini ... can lead to various undesirable things. Only the highest form is spiritual. Intermediate stages have many characteristics, all of which mark them off from our ordinary form of consciousness, but are not that pure state where there is no object. Better not to develop sporadic - it can develop in an unusual way. If higher consciousness is first awakened it is another matter. Advise for a time not to meditate.

#### PRAYER OF COLUMBUS - WALT WHITMAN

For those who qualify for an initiation this self-examination is categorical. This is for the purpose of a fundamental purification, primarily of the ethical and moral. If followed daily it will begin thoughtful digging down into AILMENTS OF THE CONSCIOUSNESS. It accomplishes much of the purpose that is accomplished through analytical psychology today. Now this work we can trace down to the ancient Greeks, who called it katharsis. I want to strongly emphasize its importance, because

THE BARRIER TO GREAT AWAKENING OF THE PURE AND HIGHER  
CONSCIOUSNESS IS IMPURITY IN THE MIND;

and, those impurities are not merely physical impurities, which are really quite minor in importance, but principally ETHICAL AND PSYCHICAL. THOSE ARE THE VITAL ONES. Any impurity touching the physical nature can be handled quite easily after this examination is over.

In the first question you note: DO I INDULGE IN ACTION, SPEECH OR THOUGHT OF A SENSUAL NATURE OF WHICH I DO NOT APPROVE? That means yourself. You're not taking the standard of judgment of any church, or of any ethical teacher; not my standard, but YOUR OWN. That's a very

important point. It is not a form laid down of the moral law, explicit, but that form which he feels himself, and he is examining himself in the light of that. Two or more individuals might find quite different results. In other words, it is the LIGHT OF THE INDIVIDUAL CONSCIOUSNESS, not hedging anything. It is a confession to yourself - not sidestepping; then you just simply are cheating yourself very grievously - cheating yourself if you sidestep.

Next point: DO I, IN SUBTLE OR OBVIOUS WAYS, STEAL FROM OTHERS THAT WHICH I BELIEVE PROPERLY BELONGS TO THEM? that which I BELIEVE belongs. You can steal in many ways rather than in any simply obvious way, such as stealing a reputation. Notice the point: something we feel belongs to them.

Third: DO I ORIGINATE OR CARRY MALICIOUS OR UNKIND STATEMENTS RELATIVE TO OTHERS? That's robbing them of their character.

Fourth: DO I, FROM INDOLENCE, REFRAIN FROM PERFORMING THOSE ACTIONS WHICH I KNOW THAT I SHOULD PERFORM? Which I know that I should perform - that takes up laziness.

Fifth: AM I, IN ANY RESPECTS CRUEL TO MY FELLOWMEN OR TO MY YOUNGER BROTHERS, THE ANIMALS? I wonder how many can get 100% on that point in their own consciousness. In fact, I am very suspicious of anyone who can give themselves a high rating?

Sixth: AM I IN ANY RESPECTS SELFISH?

Seventh: DO I INDULGE IN ANGER, JEALOUSY, HATE OR FEAR? Indignation - more dignified form of anger. There actually is no situation where anger is justified. (Question was raised re Christ ordering the moneychangers from the temple.) We are all drawing from Adams to greatest gods. There is no such thing in the world of form that cannot be perfected. One is not going to move in a human body without taking on instances of karma. In the last analysis indignation is not an essentially justified thing. Human beings are not going to be perfect - 100%, but never give up in the matter of further perfecting. It doesn't matter where one starts. I don't care if at the foot of the ladder, so long as there is progress in perfecting. You EITHER MARCH UPWARD, AT LEAST IN A SLOW RATE, OR YOU GO DOWN. So long as there is progress from the present state to a better state tomorrow I don't care how humble or dark the starting point - how much bound - so long as there is no lingering in it.

Those four are really the CRUCIAL VICES. FEAR - LACK OF FAITH IN GOD. Human nature will in most cases feel fear, but when THE MAN HAS BECOME FREE - WALKS IN GOD, as THE MYSTIC DOES, HE WILL NOT FEAR IN ANY CASE ....clubbed down. Don't you remember St. Francis - one day walking with disciples, and he was saying "What is the greatest honor, the greatest glory?" - and then he thought of knowledge, of power, great power, even supernal powers; but that was not the greatest joy; and then finally when the disciple asked him what the greatest joy was, and he said, "If we arrive cold, muddy and hungry at the monastery, and when the gatekeeper comes out and tells us we are vagabonds and seeking to come in, and tells us to go away, and we receive it AS AN ACT OF GOD - that is the GREATEST JOY; and if we knock again because of the hunger and cold, and he does not recognize us, and .... and even kicks us, and we receive it AS AN ACT OF GOD, that is the GREATEST JOY. Now there is a great mystic speaking.

Eighth: DO I PROFANE THAT WHICH, IN MY HEART, I BELIEVE TO

BE SACRED? Sometimes we do. Sometimes one part of us profanes something that is deeper. That is very wrong. It doesn't matter whether a larger insight at a more advanced stage of evolution would so do. The important point is that AT THAT MOMENT IT HAD A SACRED LEVEL, and therefore it has been an impurity to profane.

Ninth: DO I TREAT, IN A PROFANE OR TRIFLING WAY, THAT WHICH OTHERS BELIEVE TO BE SACRED? Again, it isn't a question of whether the idea may be superstitious. In that level of consciousness it plays an important part in the scale of evolution, and until the consciousness can step up from that sort of thing, we do violence in touching the other, on the ground that there is profaneness done.

Tenth: DO I INDULGE IN PRIDE OR CONCEIT? These qualities that are negative can be TRANSCENDED - TRANSFORMED INTO A POSITIVE FORCE. PRIDE CAN BECOME SELFLESS COMPASSION. All the dignity is that looked on now as in a superficial way, but it isn't pride in a superficial sense (?) of the word. That is what we will be concerned with in the FINAL TRANSFORMING INITIATION.

Eleventh: ESPECIALLY DO I, AS AN INDIVIDUAL DISTINCT FROM OTHERS, FEEL SELF-RIGHTEOUS? Suppose a person got to the point where he doesn't indulge in lies, think about it. He might go around saying 'Fine chap I am - better than you are.' He will have fallen into an unclean habit. Essential uncleanliness is relatively easier to analyze. Most difficult. A person may have gotten along well, and it keeps him isolated - stands in the way. Sometimes it is a pretty hard shell. Some of the Gurus will DRIVE ON THAT MORE THAN ANYTHING ELSE.

Twelfth: DO I INDULGE A TENDENCY TO BECOME A FLOATER IN LIFE? You don't float into Cosmic Consciousness, not even when it happens spontaneously. It is a rowing up the stream - the effort of putting forth.

Thirteenth: DO I INDULGE SUPERSTITION? Some don't like number 13, or 23. Do you allow factors that don't have an intelligible cause of relationship to the results govern your actions? It comes down from a mode of consciousness which the primitive races have. It doesn't fit us. The casual way of throwing salt over the shoulder ... Certain laws that we are making operate in the world for the savage and primitive man. For instance, ant-eaters never go out in the day time. The special rule is that they are not travelling (?) beasts. When the Indian finds an ant-eater out in the daytime he considers it a violation of nature; now the gods have gotten angry - the gods have to be appeased - the wife's uncle kills ... and such a process - and it overcomes the evil. Now to get the feeling of our times: if we found somewhere a stream of water running uphill - if the law of gravity could operate that way .... What would we feel? When a violation of their normal procedure of evolution takes place they are all upset, and they answer by a certain series of ritualistic acts just like our throwing a pinch of salt over our shoulders. It is the same thing. We want to drop that by going up abreast of .... just ignore it. Don't counter. BREAK THAT PSYCHOLOGICAL TIE TO THE UNCONSCIOUS. It will break if you have given up thinking of it. You begin LOOKING FOR THE GOOD, MORALLY, IN YOUR CASUAL CONSCIOUSNESS. I am not talking about superstitions that the individual doesn't recognize as superstitious.

Now you go over this examination once every day, sometime. If you could, make it a regular hour. Concentrate on one of these questions every day, but go over the whole group. You will find things you never dreamed of. After recognizing them as impure, shortcomings, something

that you wouldn't indulge in the light of the best insight, then  
OFFER THEM UP AS TO THE CHRIST, GIVE THEM UP, RECOGNIZE THEM; then  
forget all about them until the next day when you go through the  
examination again.

It is ABSOLUTELY IMPORTANT to go through this, EVERY DAY,  
for those who qualify. EVERY DAY - CATEGORICAL.

IT IS WHAT YOU FIND IN YOURSELF, NOW. SUBTLER PHASES.

9-30

SUBSTANTIALITY IS INVERSELY PROPORTIONAL TO PONDERABILITY.

Write up what you have been able to get out of this sentence.

Symbolically - Looking up toward the level on the mountain - at the foot of the cliff that transcends the furthestmost reach of thought. Imagine a cliff polished so that there are no finger holds in it, picturing up before you, beyond any vision you have.

Solitude becomes the condition of this other kind of level, and the solitude has anything else but the value of loneliness; less of loneliness in this than in crowds. There is enough in that sentence to turn one's world upside down if he grasps the significance of it.

SUBSTANTIAL: That which is self-existent; not dependent on anything else for its existence. That which has the depth quality - not simply surfaces, but REAL DEPTH. I spoke Sunday of that depth quality as being ESSENTIALLY IDENTICAL, SOUL-SUSTAINED. In fact it is impossible to say all that it means.

PONDERABLE: By THE PONDERABLE I mean that which exists for relative consciousness either as an object of the senses - an object of thought or an object of the feelings. We habitually say 'that which I feel, and so on' (an existence, real), even though we may have a philosophy that may lead to ANOTHER CONCLUSION. Even, we may copy the Indians, and say 'All things are hard steel.' We say with our ACTIONS, over and over again, ATTRACTING OUR WORLD. These evils that I think, see, feel, are DEEPSEATED HABITS. Or, we give reality to the objects of thought, or to the objects which arouse our feelings, so, by THE PONDERABLE, I mean: ANYTHING THAT CAN BE SENSED, FELT OR THOUGHT. The basic meaning is 'that which is measurable'; of course, the thing has to be that which can be sensed or thought of before you can measure it.

INVERSELY: By inversely I mean (that is a mathematical expression) -  
the inverse of 1      2      3      4  
is       $\frac{1}{2}$        $\frac{1}{3}$        $\frac{1}{4}$

The larger the number, the smaller the corresponding number.

What I mean is, the MORE SUBSTANTIALITY A THING HAS, the LESS PONDERABILITY IT HAS, and vice versa. That was the key for scaling the cliff beyond vision in height and polished smooth. So, I urge you to dwell on this little sentence. It could be expanded into a volume, some of which formal, some intuitive. Write up what you think. Make it as long as you want. If you get a lot out of it, all right; all the better. I won't restrict that.

EINSTEIN. Insight, illuminations may be quick, but the development is usually not so rapid.

OUT OF A SECONDARY UNIVERSE. I cannot expect you to understand the rational, but just for point of reference: If you can conceive of there being a Primary Universe up from the Original Plan, and that superimposes; on that man has built a sort of Second Universe. The incarnate then have the divine Creative Principle. He can produce things in his own powers, over and above that of the Primary Universe. Within certain limits the operation of this principle is perfectly valid and legitimate, but, it includes the power to misuse this Creative Power. It so happens that humanity has done a lot of that sort of thing; has superimposed a very cloudy condition, like a Secondary Universe upon the Primary. Now I don't suppose it is quite easy to get over my idea so you will

grasp it, but, WHAT WE SEE AND EXPERIENCE IS NOT SIMPLY DETERMINED BY AN EXTERNAL WORLD. IT IS DETERMINED ALSO BY A SORT OF FACT THAT OUR CONSCIOUSNESS IMPOSES UPON WHAT THAT MAY BE THAT IS EXTERNAL. Just as the world is made different when you put on colored glasses, so something in an individual's consciousness ... In mystic realization this brings beauty where there was ugliness before.

S. tells that I should write of a little instance - It was as though a tiny march from out of Cosmic Conscience had thrilled joyously ... Matrix of meaning that sublimated the ordinary was that IT BECAME JOYOUS. A little corner of the universe SUBLIMATED, leaves falling - PRIMARY UNIVERSE.. Our second creation has cast over the universe a shift of disharmony, ugliness, and pain - a MISUSE OF CREATIVE POWER. This is the most serious part of ... We definitely wish to DESTROY THE POWER OF THIS SECONDARY CREATION. In the first sense of LIBERATION we mean: DELIVERANCE FROM THE UGLINESS. Keep that in mind as MY MOST IMMEDIATE MEANING to THE RACES: THE SOMETHING WRONG WITH THE WORLD is this SECONDARY UNIVERSE. We are not certain that the grand Original Universe was a divine state. I am not making any such statement, simply that the secondary ...

FIRST POINT: THERE IS A WRONGNESS.

We have got to deal with this, getting man out of that hospital, asylum, out of the level which is \_\_\_\_\_, pain and confusion, into a level where the predominant tone is A GROWTH TOWARD SUPERIOR UNDERSTANDING.

NOTE: Formulation of problem as we will attack it.

THE PROBLEM MAY BE REGARDED EITHER AS:

#### 1. A PROBLEM OF ETHICAL CONTENT

These represent the primary roads of approach. It could be approached in terms of aesthetics, in a purely psychological way.

JESUS laid emphasis upon TRANSFORMATION, THROUGH LIVING THE LIFE or, in other words, upon the ethical features. To that he added what I call REDEMPTION THROUGH ATONEMENT. that sins shall be forgiven - principle of law of karma.

By the operation of another phase of law he extended a certain SOMETHING OF HIMSELF that accompanied those that made a contact with him - a PURIFICATION - A GIFT - that made it possible for them to AWAKE when otherwise it was impossible. In other words, he removed a greater or less degree of hidden rubbish. It was SOMETHING MORE THAN WAS EARNED. It wasn't very often that that sort of thing was offered.

There is another way, quite different in its emphasis, represented by Sankara; mostly represented in historical times by Brahma; and that is:

## 2. TRANSFORMATION THROUGH KNOWLEDGE

Building good karma is not effective for Liberation unless there is a certain change in consciousness which must be achieved. Sankara's writings have been preserved. Those of Jesus have been distorted through translation, not having been taken down at the time, etc.

### LIVING THE LIFE

#### TRANSFORMATION THROUGH KNOWLEDGE (Buddha)

Sankara and Jesus specialized the two important emphases of Buddha. There were other mystics - prehistoric times ... There have been other world saviors at some time or other. At all times that which we call 'subject of' as 'I' in the transcendent sense - I AM AMONG MEN - and there is only a particular time when the particular line of current which started ... comes into special manifestation. Our work unites and blends two lines represented by Jesus and Sankara.

#### EQUILIBRATED TRANSCENDENCE (Keynote phrase)

##### RECOGNITION:

Turning to this world for something.

Back of you you must have a certain philosophical outlook that man doesn't really acquire through knowledge. He merely AWAKENS TO IT, and his journey through some sorrow, through the world-field or embodiment, his consciousness moving in obscuration, a state of forgetting.

##### AWAKENING:

then, is a RE-COGNITION OF WHAT WAS ETERNALLY KNOWN, BUT FORGOTTEN. It is AN ETERNAL KNOWLEDGE, not like ordinary knowledge. It is true in a modified sense with respect to our empirical (experience) knowledge.

I will say: WE LEARN NOTHING FROM EXPERIENCE, but that EXPERIENCE IS THE OCCASION THAT AROUSES KNOWLEDGE.

##### CATALYST:

Some chemical reactions will take place only in the presence of a third substance. Elements won't unit by themselves until this third substance is present in some cases. None of the third substance enters into the reaction. A VERY IMPORTANT POINT THERE. The catalyst, such as platinum, often is present in liquid, and in the presence of platinum a NEW COMPOUND is PRODUCED, which won't happen if that platinum is not there. Now whenever a thing of that agency is used in chemistry it is called the catalyst.

THE MARRIAGE PRIEST - He doesn't enter directly into the relationship. He is present there only. The priest then is the catalyst.

##### EXPERIENCE:

I say of EXPERIENCE that it PLAYS AN INDIRECT PART IN KNOWLEDGE, but is not ...

THE PONDERABLE PLAYS ONLY AN INDIRECT VALUE  
IN AWAKENING CONSCIOUSNESS OF SUBSTANTIALITY.

It leads to quite a different value of experience.

So, I am borrowing the word RECOGNITION to express something for which no term ever evolved in Subject-Object Consciousness is available. I am straining its use. We have to do that if we are going to talk at all ... We unite, as I was saying, these TWO CURRENTS. The emphasis of knowledge comes in this classwork. I am making you think, I hope. You have to make those minds work if you are going to get the EQUILIBRATED EFFECT. I am not trying to produce bachtees ? and devotees. Some of you will be devotees .. Gnani? ? . You will have to balance the feeling quality; to steer your course. It is possible to get there without that power, but to be able to steer your course there, that is another matter.

In the self-examination and the initiation that follows that, we have the other side, which is represented by Jesus, and practically, that is of the very highest importance. On that I want to make a point - that examination must be carried to the place that IF THERE IS A STATE IN THE HEART, or DEEP WITHIN THE MIND which may BE LIKENED UNTO ICE, FROZEN HARD, IT MELTS. When that sign of melting comes, then is the time when the initiation, purification, can be effective. That is why the examination must be made to go down so the hidden and secretive hardnesses may be brought to the surface, and when that is done there will be a MELTING OF PRIDE, the BREAKING DOWN OF THE BARRIER OF PRIDE. Face yourself fully. I cannot urge you too strongly. When that is carried out ... some day everybody meets himself as a judge. The judgment isn't a judgment of some extraneous being, but it is THE BETTER PART OF YONESELF. It generally happens AFTER DEATH. BEAR THIS IN MIND: Since the judge is yourself it's not going to be a compassionate judge. IT'S GOING TO JUDGE YOURSELF SEVERELY. One can be compassionate with others, but when judging himself he is going to be a severe judge. If you can take a preliminary treatment of that kind it will be gentler, it will be easier. DIG IN ... Beyond the purification there is dignity far greater than any pride one may have had to let go. These little prides make a certain pride look foolish. That very dignity, that only is one that commands respect from others who know. It is worth a lot more than the little pride. I URGE YOU TO TAKE IT SERIOUSLY. THE OPPORTUNITIES DON'T COME SO OFTEN.

Now we approach the problem of the WORLD-FIELD, regarding it as a STATE OF BONDAGE, not as a state of ...

OUR APPROACH TO CONSCIOUSNESS OF THIS WORLD-FIELD  
IS ONE OF A STATE OF BONDAGE TO IGNORANCE (SPIRITUAL).

One may have this ignorance and be very well-informed. We don't say that man is in trouble because of a pernicious will. THERE IS NO SUCH THING AS AN EVIL WILL. WILL IS ETERNAL (or internal?) MAN IS INVOLVED IN DARKNESS, EVIL, GUILT, BECAUSE OF LACK OF SPIRITUAL KNOWLEDGE. There is no such thing as a perverse will that will assert itself against the DIVINE EGO, assuming that there was spiritual knowledge. SOCRATES said "TO KNOW THE GOOD IS TO DO THE GOOD."

This LIBERATION can take place INSTANTANEOUSLY. Priceless moments. Usually it is a series of steps, spoken of as the Seven-Step Ladder, not depending upon a process of evolution in the time field.

DR. BUCK'S 'COSMIC CONSCIOUSNESS' - very valuable book. There is a point that he missed. It is essentially AN ACT OF TRANSCENDENCE, and more likened to THE PROCESS OF AWAKENING FROM A DREAM than of a PROCESS OF DEVELOPMENT OF THE DREAM CONSCIOUSNESS. Involved in a horrible dream - wake up - that is AN ACT OF TRANSCENDENCE IN THE DREAM ... You are in another domain, much more radically different from this than this is from the Dream Consciousness. It also may be thought of as BREAKING OF TIME DEPENDENCE. This consciousness is time-bound. The LIBERATED CONSCIOUSNESS is FREED from TIME BONDAGE. It is not dependent on your balancing of karmic causes, and yet it is not the destruction of law, but involves the invoking of a higher phase of law.

Illustration from mathematics -  
TRANSFINITE NUMBERS

The proper part of an ordinary finite number has fewer aggregates in it than the whole - 1 - 2 - 3 30  
 The part can never equal the whole.

Take another series of numbers relating to the first, such that each number is twice - 2-4-6-8 60

You will note that every number in the second series occurs in the first (?) but there are some numbers in the first that do not occur in the second, namely, all the odd numbers; so, you would say that the second part is a part (proper part), because it doesn't have some numbers that exist in the first, and yet there are just as many numbers in the second series as there are in the first. ?

PROOF OF EQUALITY

1	2	3	4	There is a law concerning transfinite numbers
2	4	6	8	which is not a part of finite. ?

- transcending one phase of law when you transcend one level of consciousness, without violating another law.

Microcosm has everything in it that macrocosm has in it, and vice versa, and yet in one ...

Mathematics is the only exact science; not a physical science, not a nomadic science.

PURIFICATION. Art of use of law in a less familiar use of its application. It is also true that he who has faith can cross over many gulfs, though he does not understand that, if he places that faith in the right place. Example: St. Francis. Certain steps that cannot be taken without the command of knowledge. The long part of this journey can be taken consciously if ... yet it remains true that a SUBSTANTIAL ELEMENT NOT UNDER THE CONTROL OF ANY INDIVIDUAL is NECESSARY to the AWAKENING. Some of the more religious enter, through the GRACE OF GOD. I call it, THE SPONTANEITY OF THE SELF.

I am dealing with, using the powers of relative consciousness ... hence from the individual standpoint, his Spontaneity, and the Self, which it must be remembered is ... does not stand within the causal sequence. Strictly conceded that REALIZATION OF THE SELF IS NEVER AN EFFECT OF MIND. "I, SPIRIT, DENY NONE OF MY CHILDREN. EVER

WAITING, FOREVER FORGIVING, I POUR MYSELF IN THROUGH THE OPEN DOOR." Turn to his Guru in inner consciousness. One can walk with assurance that the part he can't do will be done when he has taken the steps necessary.

LIBERATION IS ATTAINED ONLY IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE AID OF THOSE WHO ARE ALREADY LIBERATED, BE THEY PHYSICALLY VISIBLE OR MANIFEST, OR UNSEEN.

If you understand:

"SUBSTANTIALITY IS INVERSELY PROPORTIONAL TO PONDERABILITY"

you may find REALITY in another place than you have been in the habit of looking for it. Story of Gordian Knot - gets all entangled... There was an old story in which it was said that any man who could untie the knot would conquer Asia. Many tried it. Alexander the Great, who had been trained by Aristotle, took his knife out and cut it, and then he went to work and conquered Asia. CUT THE GORDIAN KNOT. SAVE UNTOLD INCARNATIONS.

The principal which operates in conjunction with the Guru - not ordinary way of instructing. Anything that can be taught without the man being changed is but an extension of the form of consciousness he already has. Such unfolding may go as far as laborious years of acquiring knowledge. Man in his transformation of consciousness, the knowledge level is not helpful to that state. Now where that other kind of consciousness - the TRANSCENDENT, COSMIC, MYSTIC CONSCIOUSNESS is REALIZED by an individual, it tends to arouse something of its own quality in those who come into rapport with that individual. Whitman had the sense of that. He felt that he could convey his consciousness to others. Carpenter carried Whitman's Leaves of Grass for ten years. There is really an AWAKENING that is really a RESULT OF INDUCTION. *Didn't get credit ...*

The great instance is that of BUDDHA. He tried for seven years, and six of those in wrong direction, with extreme ascetics - five of them, earnest young men. When Buddha turned away they thought he had become a backslider. Very shortly after Buddha attained his Liberation he went back. The first ones he thought of were some who had taught him; they were dead. Next he thought of his companions. When he came toward the place and they saw his countenance, they couldn't help recognizing him immediately, although they had intended to ignore him. One of them attained consciousness in five months ... There was something by reason of ...

Just analyze them as ideas: Substantiality is inversely proportional to ponderability - and hardly think of them ... Most deceptive language in the world, you will find, are those SPIRITUAL WORDS. Spiritual dynamite, because of the CONSCIOUSNESS through which they were loaded; A POTENT LIGHT FORCE, A KIND OF ELECTRICITY. Tend to arouse THEIR OWN REALITY in those who come into rapport when the dust of worldliness was cleared. There is the ESSENTIAL PART OF GURU FUNCTIONING.

One beautiful GURU I knew in INDIA spoke only half a dozen sentences - chelas lived at the place - that affected THE AWAKENING. INDUCTION comes from ANALYZING OF ORDINARY CONSCIOUSNESS.

RAISE THE PICTURE OF IMAGINATION UP TO THE HIGHEST  
POINT, and THEN JUST GRIP, HANG ON, IF YOU CAN FIND  
THAT LITTLE EDGE.

Symbols may come from the Guru ...

Subjective element of I. Find the element of all. All subjective  
appearances are ...

BESTOWALS - from some source that had the POWER TO BESTOW,  
and the individual had been in a position where he could receive; and  
whether he got more than not depended upon himself.

Don't shy, don't take the position of a molehill, some day,  
if you find yourself like a butterfly. Because you have been a mole-  
hill don't shy from the mountain, because YOU are AS BIG AS A MOUNTAIN.  
Don't say "I want to run back", and run away from the glory.

10-1

Q. Please tell us where the spirit goes after death?

A. First of all, it isn't clear what one means when he uses the word spirit. Spirit has been used in so many connections. In the strict sense of the word, spirit is that which is nowhere and everywhere; that is, in the highest, strictest and most correct usage, so consequently, spirit never goes anywhere any more than space goes anywhere. But, evidently what was meant was what we might call CONSCIOUSNESS COMPLEX, whatever it may be, however defined, which we identify as individual. What happens to that after death? That buries with the individual Karma. As the Karma is various, so the states of consciousness after death are various. One is driven by the focus of causes he has sown, or he is led by them. There are both attractions and driving forces. Many, etc. may come to him in an intermediary realm. May be persecuted mind, in consciousness that they seem to him as external. I will give you this KEY, if some can remember it:

DO NOT BE FEARFUL OR ATTRACTED BY ANY APPEARANCE.

Fundamentally a doctrine which has come into the world from church council, Christianity, is that man can set up during the finite period of life causes that will result in an infinitely enduring state afterwards; in other words, he goes through to an eternal hell or paradise. Infinity could be a predicate of finite cause. We hold definitely, that EFFECTS ARE PROPORTIONAL TO CAUSES, and THERE IS NO SUCH THING AS AN INFINITELY ENDURING SUFFERING, or AN INFINITELY ENDURING PARADISE, but THERE IS AN EXPERIENCE OF BLISS OR PAIN, OR MIXTURE, DEPENDING EXACTLY ON THE CAUSES ONE HAS SOWN. Now that is the normal, and resulting in moving in logos of consciousness that one has sown - and when they are exhausted a new opportunity, on a new world, where new causes can be sown. That is the ordinary condition. At the same time there are opportunities to break out of the causal series not only existing during that life, but for a certain limited period after death, and one of these opportunities comes. The first opportunity comes during the DYING STAGE, before it is completed, while the consciousness, life principle, is in the central psychic nerve, and has not yet broken from the physical body. Through the action of the will, the medical aid on the outside, life continued in the physical, with an opportunity to report the state. The thing that astonished me was that they reported a state of consciousness that I had realized at the time of Recognition, and I hadn't known at this time that this was an opportunity that came at a certain time right during the dying process. Persons described states I knew. Two of those states were unusual. One was not at all an unusual kind. It is only lately that I was able to find Oriental material, only lately - THE ACTUAL LIBERATED CONSCIOUSNESS IS GLIMPSED AFTER DEATH. The opportunity affords the individual to take it, if he can, and does break out of the whole Karmic series at that moment, but rarely ever can individuals do that at that moment who have not gone far in the life before that death. Almost always it requires Yoga attainment or close to it. If there is a crime guilt, as a life of much evil or much attachment, a sort of glamor is held over the consciousness so that there is actually a fear, a tendency to run away from the glory. The glory is too overpowering. And then, there is the going on into the ordinary series of developments that follow. It so happens that if nature took its course, just sheer justice without any immediate factors, the after-death states of this humanity would not be so happy, but there are those who pass a certain

sphere of ... opportunities to break out of the Karmic series. It is the work of the Kakagathos (?) and that light is a protection of importance that few appreciate. Those who do come under, into the refuge, or what you might call the Assembly, the philosophy of the Guru, again I am paraphrasing the Sunda Darma Bu (?), come under a protection is enduring at this stage of life. It is a sort of something like you might call an umbrella, that can be held, that exalts the opportunity. If that glamor that is caused by Karma can be .. by the spiritual consciousness that is in the depths of every soul it is possible not only in this life, but on death for a limited period, to attain liberation. That subject is so large that I cannot take much time.

Q. Can a person who has led a sinful life attain Samadhi?

A. He who sits astride of the great bird Nuruda (?) contemplating the AUM is free from the whip of Karma even though he has been guilty of countless scores of anger, sin. If one can release the shadowy glamor caused by a life largely evil, then in principal it would be possible to enter Samadhi, but practically, that glamor so beclouds his consciousness, so casts him in the fog, that he doesn't do it. Virtue affords the favorable base. Human beings are a mixture of sinners, and the larger the proportion of light, the better, but so long as there is any light at all, any goodness at all, the case is not hopeless, although it takes a longer time. Virtue dominates definitely over the negative qualities before a state of Samadhi can be attained. POINT: There are negative logos other than this consciousness here that could get in that are no better than these. The man that has lived a life that is dark, Hatha-Yogi, with an enormous cultivation of virtue, there is a light world and dark, and as the light world predominates, not necessarily 100%. ...

Q. Do you believe that we must lose all desire, even the last one - even for peace?

A. Not that bad even. I can tell you what I found to be true. It is true that the desire in the external senses do become shaded and weak, and that our interest in the transcendent are becoming more and more dominant, so that this other, the world interest and world desire become as moonlight and sunlight. Body still existed there, and at the crucial moment deeper stillness must be achieved. That is a moment. A good many report it as though all nature stops, and in what is like the space between two seconds a reversal of consciousness takes place. Now once the reversal takes place, it has a marked appearance ... for the most part, except at a very advanced stage, desire is sublimated to a higher level of action rather than eliminated. COMPLETE ELIMINATION OF DESIRE is the STATE OF INDIFFERENCE, and in the highest pull that is what you call the terminal of human consciousness as such. One can attain essential peace so long as we are under tones rather than the dominant thing. If we can say that the major consciousness is like a melody, the rest can be thought of as a study of the harmony with respect to it.

Q. Can the word Realization be applied to a mere glimpse of consciousness?

A. Maybe somebody could do that, but I haven't used it so in my writing. I have used Realization as applied to that critical stage where the whole base of the mind is shifted from the worldfield to the sky. That is the figurative way of expressing the symbol. After Realization (spelled with a capital R) and new birth is really consummated, his consciousness is represented by the tree with roots in the Heavens. When I use it I have used it in that sense.

SUBJECTIVE MOMENT - Not speaking of time; speaking of a term from physics where would consist of two factors - velocity and ..

ORDINARY CONSCIOUSNESS: (aspects)

- (b) External world as witnessed by the psychic side, such objects as 'one would witness after death would be subtle, but as long as there are objects that stand opposed to me, that I see on the outside, then we have consciousness of this form.
- (c) If you had - each one of you has a private perception of it - the object is whatever is common to all of you. The common base where all can be focused, but each of you have a perception private to you individually, and that perception is different to each. In the last analysis we cannot say that it really exists out there at all, but that common object ..

ORDINARY CONSCIOUSNESS: (modes)

- (a) sensation - all material that comes through the senses  
Newborn baby - no definite, no meaning, just a general impression in consciousness. As soon as you have had any experience at all it evolves, and our sensations have come to mean objects, and when they become that, they are

Percepts, or

Perceptions - a perception of a lamp

A newborn baby could only have an indeterminate THATNESS.

The definiteness of meaning and object.

Our consciousness ties that group together.

We call it a

Recept or

Generic image - There is no thinking at this stage.

Consciousness moving in terms of receipts is the kind of consciousness that doesn't make language in our sense of the word. They are really expressions of affects, states of feeling rather than states of cognition. That is what the animal is trying to convey. That is not language in our sense of the word.

- (b) Affection - Emotion, desire, feeling, volition, aspiration, etc. Love, hate, fear, anger, jealousy, compassion You are taking an active relationship to the content of consciousness. When you are loving it you are related to it in an active sense, you are getting back with something. If you are angry you are getting back with something. Affection is the energetic quality in human consciousness reacting

to consciousness. May have that perfectly under control so they become purely guided.

Main part of the purification is purification of the affective nature. The qualities of guilt or virtue are affective, therefore the whole moral sentiment is upon the affective nature of man. I say morāī sentiment rather than moral code, for that involves more.

Animals too have an affective nature; some very high. The power to develop concepts grows hand in hand with developing a language. When I reach the point where I can designate a thing by a name I have reached the point where I can think a concept; lamp. When I say 'lamp' I mean not only this one but every other kind in the world; right away I have a single sign that means untold millions of objects. At once the mind has recognized, it can work with much more complex material than it could before it awoke to it. A definite hiatus between the animal and the human. Something is added that makes a distinct break between man and animal. Man continues in the animal nature but plays something more. We can build and attain there. Take the words of an Einstein, and he swings volumes in the words of his formula. He writes briefly - uses very scientific symbols. This is a conceptual power; and, the least evolved man, having the power of language, is therefore more evolved than the most evolved animal. But, he has a new order of capacity.

There are some misunderstood ... that claim that man can incarnate as an animal. That is never to be taken literally. When they say that a man may be incarnated as a tiger, character ... That would be very rarely accomplished. Dog - human; animal that has taken on the keenness of a human, characteristics. It is the ordinary form of nature, but a bit that has been brought in close, that happens. It will mean that its future is not any longer really with the dog kingdom, nor is it yet with the human kingdom; and you will probably some time in the future have to be Guru for that soul. Insofar as it is an understander of words, it has begun to be human.

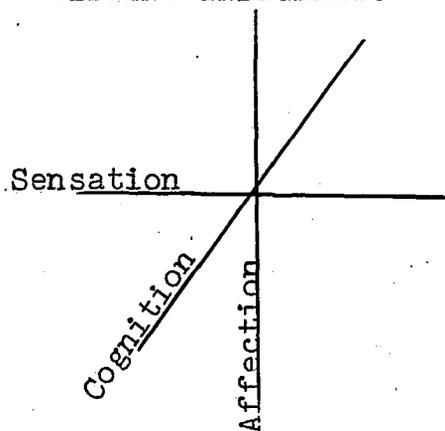
EINSTEIN'S "COSMIC RELIGION" - 10 or 12 pages - only contact with Buddha was with Schopenhauer. He has reached in his concept of Cosmic Religion to what is practically an essence of the Buddhist outlook of consciousness. Can be blended in various respects.

Education in the West has been too onesided; developed intellectually without developing affectual nature. Often have people who have knowledge of every degree of materiality, and when you witness their fulness you realize that they are children. They are as undeveloped as children. One of the earmarks of a cultivated, cultured nature, is affective restraint.

I read a beautiful short story ... soldier during World War - on leave, went to England, where he was entertained by the family of a buddy of his; this friend had been killed and the family knew of it, but said nothing of his death until he was leaving - with idea of giving him a much needed rest and pleasant holiday away from war scenes. When he asked why they hadn't told him they said 'just because we knew you needed a vacation'. Culture of the affective side of the nature. This is really a mark of advanced civilization, when done seriously. You will find it more developed in New England, in Europe; more in China and India than Europe. Culture and training are not suppressed. Our actions of affections are like barbarians to China. Our method is to produce individual barbarism rather than real culture. That is the danger in the West today.

Bear in mind, on the affective side, in the West, we are too much children, not yet sufficiently mature. Just take the situation with something that is irritating - someone steps on your toes. If the individual is what we mean by the born, cultivated gentleman, he can meet the situation with dignity. He may have his feelings about it, but he doesn't have to be spiteful. He may have to strike back but he will strike back with a controlled power that is more devastating than the projectile... The uncontrolled individual - you drive them off your foot - go to extremes - seem to be dangerous explosive - really a plaything. If a person stands restrained you cannot make him move. Do something that makes him move, then he will have lost any advantage he had in his apparent repressed condition, because he allowed it. If he refuses to, then he holds the power. This is a thing that prize-fighters have; they have trained themselves not to get mad - to keep cool.

DON'T LET THE OTHER FELLOW GET THE BEST OF YOU BY GETTING INDIGNANT.



Development of sensation never results in affection, etc. They are three distinct combinations in distinct directions. They are three distinct levels that are blended in. We may therefore call it three-dimensional consciousness.

You may call the animals' consciousness in that direction two-dimensional - reception and perception.

The particular path toward realization of the individual would have to take into account the DEGREE OF HIS DEVELOPMENT in THESE DIFFERENT RESPECTS. We might frankly say that realization through sensation is out.

Whitman exceptional - goes so far as to say he didn't know - his realization - immortality - very rare form of mystical unfoldment in this. The practical paths are those that emphasize affection or cognition, or various combinations of those two. The path is predominately the devotional, or Vachtee (?). A very strong or rich nature would arrive quickly through the path of Divinity; that is, the path of love.

On the whole the evidence seems quite conclusive that there are some who achieve through feeling rather than through cognition. It is said that it is easy to attain through faith - difficult through knowledge. Some even go so far as to say "The kingdom of Heaven is achieved through ...". Buddha However, the best is to blend the feelings and the cognition faculties. Supplement the one in most strong development to the one you have in least development. IF YOU HAVE BEEN STRONG IN FEELING, MAKE YOURSELF THINK. Actually, those who are drawn in work of this kind almost always have the feeling nature more developed than the average human being. Those who are predominately engaged in the sciences, technology, places in command, rarely seek metaphysical attainment.

Each of these three modes as "I love him", "I love her", "I am angry at ...", there is always an object in the relationship. You don't take an attitude "I am jealousy", and it is the same with all the other three.

You acknowledge, all we can get in this form of knowledge is really KNOWLEDGE RELATED TO OBJECTS. VITAL.

Even if you talk about: "I think about me." I am talking about the object that seems least like an object. I has become an object dealt upon. Right away you will find that the first is different from the second; that the second is a reflection of the first I.

IF YOU EVER COULD GET THE I ALONE, NOT AS AN OBJECT, BUT AS A PURE SUBJECT, YOU WOULD BREAK THROUGH.

How are you going to get it? You can't get it as an object of thought. As soon as you think of it ...

IF YOU CAN SINK IN, AS PURE SUBJECT, WITHOUT CHANGING IT ANY, AS PURE I, AND CAN SINK IN, IT IS AN OPEN DOOR TO HEAVEN.  
IF YOU CAN SINK INTO IT, AS PURE SUBJECT, JUST SINK INTO THE I.

10-2

Q. How can the effects of the Awakening be made to endure to the end of this life?

A. It is possible for a person to lose the effects of his awakening by misuse. In one instance it occurred in the field of American literature, to Edgar Allen Poe. One who understands the accent can understand the degree of awakening ... you find it in the rhythm - you find it in a certain kind of stanzas, through almost all of his music. That poem Dream Within the Dream, where he pictures himself standing on the shore with sands drifting away ... Sand indicates a key to those who know. He made a very grave mistake when he tried to reproduce the consciousness through drugs and drink, and so he lost it, and it may be many lifetimes before he can regain it. Very few things are more tragic than this. Dante - portrays Vite (?); author of Shakespeare - in Sonnets - the feminine aspect so finely personified.

A DEVOUT ATTITUDE TOWARD THE CONSCIOUSNESS,  
HOLDING IT AS THE MOST ESTEEMED THING THAT  
HAS EVER COME TO ONE;

and when in the light of consciousness, certain contacts or levels of thinking are recognized as inimical, to eliminate. Jesus said: "If thine eye offend thee, cast it out." If anything that one did acts as a barrier, that would offend the consciousness, cast it out. VALUE IT ABOVE LIGHT ITSELF. But, if you dishonor, the active state itself is not long enduring. You could not possibly hold it. Brief periods only. Sometimes hardly more than a few seconds, but the effects can last for a lifetime. DR. BUCK, who wrote COSMIC CONSCIOUSNESS with a great deal of understanding was able to do that because of one momentary flash; one moment when he saw the Veronica Splendor. Worlds more than he could have learned through other sources, and much in that moment that would have been ...; he realized the peace, and got the permanent result. One holds the JOY OF IT superior ..., superior to anything of ritualistic or dogmatic ... The best ritualistic or dogmatic religion can do is to point to such a consciousness. CONSCIOUSNESS IS THE SACRED THING. That attitude is necessary. To him who HONORS THE BELOVED, IT STICKS.

Q. Is Primordial Substance ever a manifestation, or is it that from which it comes?

A. Sometimes people have spoken of gross matter as a modification of that. It isn't strictly correct. Strictly speaking we would have to say that gross matter is a reflection. Now, then, if you know what you mean you could say that it comes from that substance, but you could misunderstand that. It is a reflection. A simile is more adequate, represented in taking the relationship of the reflection of one's body in the mirror, and seeing it with the relation of gross matter to substance. A reflection rather than ...

Q. If we attain ... growth of consciousness, shall we be able to proceed alone on the path leading to the next life?

A. In one sense you may say each one takes his initiation alone; but, that is alone so far as his own pride feeling is concerned. He may feel very much alone, and he is very much surrounded by the Divine, even by particular guardians. Now, then, I take this in the sense "Does one reach the point where he can get along without the need of a guardian?"

A. That would depend entirely on the level. One rises above the need of a guardian only at a very high level.

Q. Is primordial substance eternal?

A. Most emphatically, yes. It is not subject to becoming. It is IDENTICAL WITH ETERNITY. It is TIMELESS; so, TO REALIZE YOUR OWN SELF-IDENTITY IN SUBSTANCE IS TO REALIZE IMMORTALITY, for IMMORTALITY IS TIMELESSNESS. It can be realized now. You don't have to wait until the end of time to discover it is so.

Q. Do we indulge superstition into the meaning of our dreams?

A. When you seek the meaning behind the symbols, that is the way to break away from superstition.

Q. What BOOKS WOULD YOU SUGGEST for proper study along the lines of this class?

A. The outstanding, crowned right in Cosmic Consciousness itself, and not only basis of principle; cold intelligence written to meet our Western world. THE SECRET DOCTRINES, with the accompanying VOICE OF THE SILENCE. But, the difficulty of this is to really understand it. One has to be a superior scholar, and have superior insight. There are two other books written from the standpoint of a great deal less ... One, DR. BUCK'S "COSMIC CONSCIOUSNESS". He was a psychiatrist, and has the aspect of one who deals with abnormal mental cases, colored somewhat by modern evolution. You can't take him as absolutely correct, but there is a great deal of what he has said on the subject that is VERY SUGGESTIBLE AND HELPFUL. Don't take him as authority, but rather as a suggestible aid. WILLIAM JAMES' "VARIETIES OF RELIGIOUS EXPERIENCE." Both very readable and a good approach. MANUSCRIPT - not yet published - transcension itself, and development following over a period of some five months, with the kinds of seed thought outlined there that developed at that time; some poetic blank verse expressions. I hope to have that published soon. Some material you will find in this that it will be difficult to find anywhere else. I found it difficult to find descriptions of similar states. At times I have found them in very rare sources. There is a second book planned - about sixty pages - real philosophical effort.

Q. Is there any certain way of attaining consciousness, or a better way than ... ?

A. When you speak of a way, you usually mean a technique, something under the control of our consciousness. There is no such thing which you can follow. All technique produces is a favorable condition, but there has to be AN ACT OF SPONTANEITY, which is NOT under the CONTROL OF THE INDIVIDUAL, but, when the candle is ready one can feel assured that THOSE FUNCTIONING THE FORCE OF COMPENSATION, THEY WILL LIGHT IT. You can do everything to produce the favorable condition, and DIVINITY WILL DO THIS FOR YOU. As to concentration, I suppose you have also in mind the meaning of meditation. One step in meditation ... beyond that is MEDITATION WITHOUT AN IDEA. We had a demonstration of it last night. When without a seed it is without idea. One reaches up step by step.

Q. In terms that the class can understand, please explain your mystical death.

A. Consider the ordinary base of action of the human consciousness in the world. Man thinks of himself as a self, an I, distinct from others, having distinct desires and impressions. He seeks to attain his desires in conflict with other selves who seek to achieve their ambition also in conflict with others. There are successes and failures. That kind of life is on the level of personal egoism. It is the basis of separateness. It is the basis of I AM I AND NONE OTHER; that is the USUAL CONSCIOUSNESS. Those of you who are students know that there is a HIGHER SELF, which is on the level of a much more transcendent paradise, and that the first real state is the OVERCOMING OF THE LOWER EGOISM, so THAT THE HIGHER IS ESTABLISHED. Beyond that there is the true SPIRIT CONSCIOUSNESS, in which the element of desire or ambition has no meaning whatsoever.

Now, if a certain SHIFT comes into CONSCIOUSNESS so that the I AM I AND NONE OTHER, with its characteristic ideas, ambitions, desires, is REPLACED BY ANOTHER KIND OF CONSCIOUSNESS, another kind of motivation, then the lesser quality has died, and in the ordinary way in which we human beings, human though as I AM I AND NONE OTHER, that DIES IN MYSTIC DEATH. It should die because it is a GREAT BARRIER TO JOY, a GREAT BARRIER TO REALIZATION, a great BARRIER TO REALIZATION OF ETERNAL LIFE. It doesn't mean that the powers that were broken out through previous desire of that action, through ambition, cease to exist. They continue to exist as servants, you see, but you are not involved in them in the same way as you were before. That is part of the story.

There is something you cannot altogether explain there. Those figures that we have, as A SKYWALKER, in other words, were the SUBSTANTIAL. That which is often called DIVINE is taken as the MOST ORIGINAL, the PRIMARY, the MOST DIRECTLY KNOWN, the BASIS FROM WHICH YOU ACT. YOU ARE IDENTICAL WITH IT, and then, YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH THE WORLD IS THAT THE WORLD IS NOW THE PROBLEM AND THE THING TO BE UNDERSTOOD. In that last long poem - another mystery spread below - all this jumble down here seems to be the problem, and the idiosyncrasies of human nature are veritable conundrums; every one is a special problem; you see others acting like kids, mature on one side, and the other side does not care; and then we wonder how people can be so interested in us. How can people go on, twenty, thirty, forty, fifty years, treading the same ground, year in and year out. Everything is so dry. Everything in this whole world like an orange sucked dry. Basic type problems have a certain kind of value to each. There is a richness of this human field that is so much more. This seems to be ground that is thoroughly putrid, even the domains of thought. This is only a little fraction of it. It even goes deeper than that.

Q. Re meat eating.

A. I will answer in terms of principle. When the human race reaches a point where from a sense of compassion, if we will not kill animal life for food, it will have taken a definite step in advance. Yet much of this is racial, or one's instinct ... Evidence is that the average individual cannot stand it ... Jainists - hired beggars to go down to the swamps to give mosquitos a feed. Where is the line to be drawn? How can you draw it by strict logic? It is not simple, but there is a consideration that comes in that makes the matter not so bad as it seems.

In the first place, there is compensation to the animals that are used as food animals. Man, of course, must take care of them while he raises them. The result is that the group souls of those animals have an opportunity for reincarnation in larger numbers than the wild animals. Not only that. They come under the ... dog, pet - raises the consciousness. There is some reason to believe that the average span of life of the animal raised for food is greater than that of the wild animal. Practically all death in wild life is prejudice of animal life as such. The superior, killing, when it is an inferior. Inevitably it raises the inferior. Caterpillar reborn becomes the butterfly .... mammal, bird. The bird is lifted on the scale of evolution. Man does it on the same scale. He may be retarded in that progress. His own evolution may be retarded, but the evolution is advanced.

The general rule is that any contact between an inferior and a superior raises the inferior in the scale. The inferior gets the best of this. Now if the superior man exploits, doesn't will the good of the inferior man, he reaps no benefits. If, on the other hand, he means the good of the inferior, then he builds the good karma of the teacher and the guide. Appreciation of that fact will change one's acts a great deal in political and social relationships. I would hold that those who actually hold positions of political and social authority should be superior men and women on the scale of evolution; secondly, that we should cultivate the attitude of non-exploitation, first and most important, regardless of whether he is good or not so good, because there is the light and shadow side at all levels. Our radical people don't appreciate that fact. There is a tendency to put inferior people in high places.

Q. In what field may I best serve humanity?

A. Again, that varies with the individual. Are you a missionary, perhaps? Are you trained to function in a particular way? That indicates your line of action ... In the beginning, voluntary, getting out, accepting direction in the wise functioning. You may offer only voluntarily in this work. Volunteers in turn, wisdom demands that they should permit themselves to be directed, because they are not yet wise enough to see all perspectives. When it is illumined it will be sufficient time to put the question again.

*Adams 2*

Last night - drop away from the thinking (?), then stop an idea .. We are conscious without object. If you can succeed in doing that the Door of Dawn opens, and you breeze through. The tendency of the intellect is to go out toward complexity, and when we spend many years searching the question as an object of consciousness, any mental/you reach, you will interpret an objective. When you learn the path is in you, then you in it, a psychic interpretation, still you haven't got it; you have something but you haven't got it. Now the intellect has it. As it were, destroyed that outward tendency toward objection by anything inward, producing at least a momentary annihilation of it. In that momentary annihilation the door is opened. Then, of course, the mind by reason of its no-action continues in action, but it can continue in action if one is careful after the door is opened - a consciousness that is more potent takes hold. There will be a tendency then for the mind, quiet, to become s\_\_\_\_\_ in something like a sense that a light may be dimmed. You will find an inclination of not wanting to think, not wanting to speak; however, wanting to be active. In fact, if you try to record upon the significance, you will find there is something more potent. You will want to rest in it. Actually, it is an extraordinary experience. You don't see how. Here is a key to immortality - rest in peace - a key to adequate knowledge; all of these. ... I wonder what chumps these human beings are not to grab hold of it.... I had to remind myself time and again. When you take the complex base in which the consciousness really is, simplicity is the easiest thing of all. Just because the habit of mind - you can turn that mind. IN SPACE YOU HAVE ACTION REVERSED. That is analogous, when an electron and positron meet; mutually meet and destroy each other. IN STATES OF CONSCIOUSNESS, TEMPORARY ANNIHILATION-ONE KIND OF CONSCIOUSNESS, and ANOTHER KIND OF CONSCIOUSNESS TAKES ITS PLACE.

THAT CONSCIOUSNESS was a STATE OF SAMADHI, of the IDEA OF TRANCE. There are several levels. Trance is not necessary. It is probably more easily attained in trance, but if attained without trance a certain CROSS-CORRELATION INTO THE OBJECTIVE CONSCIOUSNESS BECOMES POSSIBLE, and YOU CAN RECORD IN THE PERSONAL CONSCIOUSNESS VALUES THAT OTHERWISE YOU COULDN'T. You would lose. And, those values become values useful in the relative world. Now there are those men who value this consciousness so highly, that fruit, the power to enter, that they practically withdraw - leave the body almost elevated. It does perform a certain function, a force field, but there is an enormous valuation for relative consciousness that is lost if you cannot make the cross-correlation.

Now what is this consciousness of continued Samadhi? On its own level, as nearly as we can formulate it, it is consciousness without an object? Primordial consciousness, which at the same time is primordial substance, and is primordial force, and in its purity CONSCIOUSNESS WITHOUT KNOWLEDGE, but in this fact, CONSCIOUSNESS WITHOUT AN OBJECT may or may not contain objects, just as space can contain universe, or have no universe, and yet space would still be. When you have established your SELF-IDENTITY IN CONSCIOUSNESS WITHOUT AN OBJECT it doesn't mean that you have lost your power to be aware of objects. You contain (?) the objects below you. Now you see why you get out of all conflicts then. Space consciousness - consciousness without an object never knows war, conflict. All conflict is below it. You may grasp an idea of something of what is meant.

This primordial consciousness is in fact divided, and has an aspect which is a POWER TO BE CONSCIOUS OF CONSCIOUSNESS WITHOUT

AN OBJECT. When I first spoke of this - from a basis of an actual Recognition, a very wonderful experience as well as a Recognition - and I spoke of Subject-Object Consciousness as standing on the sidelines - I actually didn't know there were particular terms for describing 'standing on the sidelines' - Paramartha Sakti (?) - self-analyzing - self-analyzing consciousness - but this second, enlarging consciousness, having the noetic quality, can turn upon primordial consciousness and be conscious of consciousness. That is why I was able to speak of it yesterday when we were in it. Two levels of consciousness at the same time. If you don't have this second phase of consciousness developed, and were to enter primordial consciousness, it would be like dreamless sleep. Do you see? You couldn't distinguish it from unconsciousness. This is the very last analysis. This is about as difficult ...

YOU DON'T WANT TO BE SCARED because THE CURRENT IS TOO STRONG GREAT. Don't think you are going to get it by one fell swoop. Those preparations might have come in another ... You see, actually every human being is in that consciousness in dreamless sleep; in fact, never out of it, but don't know it. You see the importance of this second phase of consciousness. It is THIS that is AFFECTED BY EVOLUTION, ETC - PRIMORDIAL PHASE, generally is. It is, therefore, development through ... possible to think and speak while in the state of SAMADHI - to be sure, you sacrifice a degree in the depth to do that, but the CROSS-TRANSLATION being much more important, I think - you have then your outer consciousness dimmed down, so that it becomes like a lowered light there, just enough to keep your mind working and enough to keep the organs of speech functioning. May be even a little difficult, and then that DEEPS IN AND GRASPS THE VALUE OF SOMETHING THAT TRANSCENDS ... WHAT YOU HAVE IS: ENERGIZED CONSCIOUSNESS VALUES COMING INTO THE RELATIVE WORLD FROM THE TRANSCENDENT, even though there is a certain modification in the process. Now you cannot at that moment think in the keen objective sense, for your mind is very heavily focused. You may afterward be able to do that. The mind plays along, and it may even move slowly. THE VALUES YOU IMPRESS ON YOUR MIND WHILE IN THAT STATE, INDIVIDUALLY BECOME YOUR STORE IN YOUR ORDINARY MIND, AS AN INDIVIDUAL, TO DRAW UPON.

Relationship between two types of consciousness: If you can imagine how two live-wires of positive paths of electrical current, brought together, and then you separate them; you get a spark which causes a gap. You may have to draw them quite close before the spark begins ... The inner pull of those two lines of consciousness is a little like that. The one active phase may tend to draw the gap a little too wide - the spark broke (?) and the correlation is broken. You have to keep at that fine balance; then you have an open door through which ENERGIES FILTER THROUGH.

What you got out of it depended upon you. The first awareness of the transcendent consciousness is awareness of a field of force - that force field. It may come as a sort of subtle tranquillity. It may be a very definite sense of heat. Then again it may induce or reflect itself as symbolic presentations, lights, or forms seen. Now those are symbols. It is intermediate, between Consciousness and relative consciousness. You have to use the symbol as a meaning to get the meaning behind the symbol.(?) You also may be aware of it in its affective value, in that it induces a state of peace, of joy, of being above the world, or a feeling that all is right with the world. These are affective states. Though problems are baffling, because you are ABOVE THE PROBLEMS, it is THEN in A VERY REAL SENSE ABOVE. These are all phases that one can begin to have. THE SENSE OF ENERGY IS FIRST. THE MOST DIFFICULT is AWARENESS OF THE CONSCIOUSNESS WITHOUT A SYMBOL, WITHOUT OBJECT. One reaches to that only by preparation for it. The analogy of the consciousness is that IT IS CONSCIOUSNESS WITHOUT AN OBJECT - IT IS PURE SUBSTANCE -

IT IS BUDDHA (?) - DIVINITY ITSELF - in that IT IS ETERNAL LIFE, FROM WHICH ALL RELATIVE LIVING FORMS ARE BUT MANIFESTATIONS OR REFLECTIONS WITH RESPECT TO IT. All objects, or matter, ONE - are reflections upon it, for in reality they ...

There is what we may call a sort of SECONDARY LIGHT from the original consciousness, that can be reached in the more ordinary meditative states; that can be maintained more or less permanently from a single opening of the DOOR OF THE BRAIN. A long, persistent, secondary light can be maintained that can illumine the whole house. In deep trance you don't get correlation. Back of all this there are even what we may call the ELEMENTS OF ESSENCE, dealing with ANY ACCEPTABLE OTHER. You have to strain your power of mind to try to make it work, as it never was designed to work.

Now we have had a REAL TALK ON COSMIC CONSCIOUSNESS tonight. There is heat and cold. Cold that represents a certain high consciousness; different heats, different fires ... How can you tell if a positive or negative form? The higher consciousness has a tendency to make for strength, whereas more negative mystical states tend toward a kind of plastic, weak character. Saint Margaret (?) - helpless; tried to use her in the kitchen, couldn't use her anywhere - even gave her up for that - had to be fed. Now that is a negative kind of mystical state. She shouldn't have been ... Saint John of the Cross is just as far from that as you can get.

Sporadic flashes (or touches?). There is an important development of the mind before the mind ... We led with and turned, you see, upon purification, upon preparing the mind. There is a reason - so the understanding ... Do not encourage a merely sporadic mystical state, although some illuminating things do come. A man like St. John, or Los Kathos (?), became strong figure in early Spanish-American history, crying out against ... - and so one of those forces that stood out lived - the real thing is positive character, strength - makes a stronger man. Whitman is an example. His writings point out that before illumination he never amounted to anything. What he wrote after the illumination has become relatively immortal; proof of the fact that the form was not acceptable to the public; not very strong material that he handled, and yet in spite of that, because of the Cosmic Consciousness, the liberated, it is becoming a message, a power that lives. Same thing with Balzac - wrote ten or twenty volumes before illumination - worthless stuff. After illumination he became one of the great writers. Jacob Boehme, poor shoe-maker. It is even said that Newton got his inspiration out of ... Important for this world as well as the individual that is illumined. Not only for you subjectively, but also those you meet, see, and what you can do here.

Reaching, one of the factors that helps to induce a state - We are dealing with something on this plane subject to a mind awakened. Buddha himself on his death said his work would last five hundred years before the center of energy would exhaust itself. The Buddhist movement - other movements - groups - there is something of the freshness exhausted in the time. ... St. Francis was a revitalizer in his day - a real pope. St. John of the Cross, in Spain, XVIth Century. ... Even organism played upon by consciousness.

10-3

Q. In Cosmic Consciousness is it possible to extend one's consciousness into the consciousness of other human beings, and reveal for us business failures, etc., and know how it feels to be a failure, etc.?

A. Yes, that's one of the possible powers. From the <sup>level</sup> ~~wing~~ of that recognition which we call Cosmic Consciousness the detailed powers do not follow as specific capacities but they follow in principle, and to illustrate that point I suggest this figure. Consider that when one has achieved that level of consciousness he earns as his heritage a number of safes containing wealth of different types, various powers, capacities. They are his possession. It remains for him to work out the combinations to the safe. Do you catch the point? That takes work and effort in specific directions. I have not so far put more than just a brief effort on this.... Once under a cherry tree I found it. I found something that was very vital, very subtle; hard to recognize as consciousness, and it was there as a very delicate thing. It had a quality which you might say was consciousness with an upward <sup>tendency</sup> benediction and a little something that suggested benevolence, a very pleasant feeling. The cherry tree is the aristocrat of the desiduous trees. You have to be very alert to recognize something that was consciousness, and think what it would be to go down to the mineral. You would have to differentiate ... These are powers that can be earned. They are your right, from the level of Cosmic Consciousness, but you have to work them out.

Q. Will a man that realizes Cosmic Consciousness be able to understand the working and law of the Cosmos?

A. The answer in brief is much the same as to the first question. I was saying last night that we have to distinguish between primordial consciousness, which is Cosmic Consciousness in its purity, complete synthesis of the I, All, with the I-Consciousness that is not becoming, eternal, beginning and ending of all things, timeless, not self-conscious, and another quality derived from it, and in its reference identical with it, and manifesting in a different phase wholly, the POWER TO BE AWARE OF CONSCIOUSNESS AS CONSCIOUSNESS. We call that the SELF-ANALYZING POWER. This is attained subject to development. All questions of understanding belong to this second phase, so again, AWAKENING to COSMIC CONSCIOUSNESS does not mean at once knowing the detailed operation of all laws, but it means being in a position from which you can move downward from the status of that operation.

Q. Is it necessary to abstain from certain foods in order to reach Cosmic Consciousness? A. No, there is no rule. Some individuals may find it necessary. There is where the individual factor, and where the particular food causes it to offend. If a particular food represents a desire attachment, that binds the individual, well then it is a BARRIER BECAUSE OF THE DESIRE RELATIONSHIP that BINDS ONE TO IT. If he can stand in a position of RELATIVE ALDOOFNESS, UNBOUND BY IT, then it is... There are substances that are TABOO. Those are substances that have a capacity to arouse a counterfeit mystical state. In doing this the injury to the subtle organism, the mind (?) may lead to the postponement of the genuine, bonafide awakening, and that postponement is also a period of suffering while repair work is done, which may require ...

alcohol taken in large quantities, enough <sup>oxide</sup> to be intoxicating. Doesn't mean that you cannot touch it. Nitric ~~acid~~, laughing gas, drugs such as opium, hemp and other such substances which would produce a lefthand counterfeit; yet not to the extent that I would tell a person not to take an anaesthetic if he had to have an operation.

SUBJECTIVE CONSCIOUSNESS

DREAM CONSCIOUSNESS

TRANCE STATE

PSYCHICAL STATE

SUBJECTIVE CONSCIOUSNESS has two meanings. The more common is that state of consciousness or awareness that one holds privately, and which is not shared by others, as FANTASY. That is the common usage in psychology, and common popular usage. Not based on fact - just subjective. But, when I speak of the SUBJECTIVE MOMENT OF CONSCIOUSNESS I am speaking in a much more rigorous sense. I am speaking of the PURE POWER TO BE AWARE - the I ELEMENT - just as a SHEER POWER OF CONSCIOUSNESS APART FROM ANY CONTACT. Those are the two uses of the word Subjective. <sup>inf</sup>

DREAM CONSCIOUSNESS is a form of Psychical Consciousness. A person can be awake, however, and be moving in a psychical state, and they sometimes get so confused that they don't know the difference between the psychic visions and signs and external signs. They act often, as though they were external. In that case they have to be cared for. It is pathological when it gets to that extreme. Many people do have waking states of psychic knowledge. This is a kind of consciousness that wells up from the unconscious. The psychologist calls it unconsciousness. I would change that and say that IT IS A KIND OF CONSCIOUSNESS that with most people is NOT SELF-CONSCIOUSNESS, and THE CONSCIOUSNESS THAT IS NOT SELF-CONSCIOUS IS NOT DISTINGUISHABLE FROM UNCONSCIOUSNESS. Another illustration would be like this: if we liken the psychical consciousness - the ordinary kind - to moonlight, and the awakened consciousness to sunlight; hence, an awakening ~~conscience~~ psychic consciousness is surprised <sup>and</sup> by the greater brilliance. That is the rule, but sometimes the psychical element is sufficiently strong to rise up and invade the awakening consciousness. ~~That is the more ordinary psychical state.~~

In the broad meaning there is a higher phase where one contacts superior symbols filled with real meaning, sometimes of a very lofty order, but all psychical states, whether of an inferior or superior sort have this in common: that they do not speak in the language of our ordinary logic - direct, straight forward expression or meaning, but in a language of symbols, indirectly, and one has to learn the art of interpretation of those symbols to seek the meaning. So long as an individual always interprets such psychical elements as symbols leading to meaning, they can be quite useful. If they are interpreted as external actualities they can become serious barriers to the progress on the path. They belong to the zone technically known as the HALL OF SILENCE. There is something to be learned, but lingered over they are poisonous. Psychical clairvoyance is a development of strictly the power of sight in the psychical worlds, including the power to be aware of physical ... This is quite a different way, which in its difference has not even a thought and consciousness at all.

*Learning*

## CORRELATION BETWEEN DREAM STATE AND COSMIC CONSCIOUSNESS

I might speak of the first time I had this experience. I had heard of the possibilities and was interested; wished it might happen, and didn't know how to go about it. Went to sleep out in a desert place. Was in the midst of a dream when I suddenly said, "Wake up"; I mean, that the ordinary objective powers of mind <sup>over</sup> reason, memory, the capacity to recall the events of this awakened life, capable of judging and discriminating, capable of ~~proposing~~ - *purpose* Supreme manifest itself on the dream consciousness, without stopping the dream consciousness - and I knew that I was dreaming. Then I enjoyed an experiment which I knew in theory could be ... did; now, and persisted in that way - found form objectifying and seen .. then too, the objective consciousness is a strong force; you have to keep the WILL higher to hold that overlapping, for any length of time, but if you can do it you get a tremendous grip upon the whole power of the psychic side of life. You see that dream, the psychic side, casts glamour over those in its grip. You think in it, over and over again; it is a real condition, and it is awfully hard to take this external ... If you have done that you have essentially broken the grip of the state.

### TRANCE

That may be a different degree. In the most complete degree there is a complete degree of suppressed ... , no thought; even the stopping of the vital process, in ~~less~~ deep breath and pulse. In most extreme states it may have stopped entirely - body cold and stiff, with only .... warm. Said it might exist for years - cataleptic.

Presently, more often than not, trance is used in association with the Samadhi states of consciousness and propositus ... of it, as ... In that case one is on one of the interior zones of consciousness. If it is a deep state of Samadhi - Cosmic Consciousness itself - COSMIC CONSCIOUSNESS WITHOUT ANY AWARENESS. Could talk to objective consciousness, and have no value what he realized, unless he has the adept power of impression of some of those powers on the man. The thing I EMPHASIZE is the fact that IT IS NOT NECESSARY TO ENTER TRANCE TO ATTAIN TO A SAMADHI LEVEL. You will find also, if any of you are familiar with Buddha and Sankara - you find no reference to importance of trance in works of Jesus. It simply is a state that has not been as much emphasized as ....

(Enough of questions.)

Nature - essential quality as conceived is contaminated. Impurity is not the way we will attain. Peculiar to the human being; apart from man there is no creature or any of the universe, of which impurity can be predicated. MAN BRINGS IN THE PROBLEM. IT IS ONLY WHEN SOME HUMAN PURPOSE UNDERLIES THE JUDGMENT. THEY ARE WHAT THEY ARE BY THEIR OWN INNER NATURE, AND ARE INCAPABLE OF BEING ANYTHING ELSE. ... In the instance of the human being, excess desire - of all creatures, man alone has the power of creative choice... outside the limits of Divine Purpose.

The whole problem may almost be regarded as a case of purity. Certain desires, especially food, sexual, actually all serve purposes, but only as a means to an end; not the end in itself. Satisfaction of these desires is pleasure, as otherwise we may have an animal capacity; however, this pleasure is a means and not an end in itself. But, man has the power to ISOLATE the PLEASURE ELEMENT from the full purpose of the various desires, and very largely he has done so, and they have made this pleasure the object which he sought. It is at this point that unnecessary desire becomes the factor degenerating man. This is a genuine evolution of the law, and there is no necessity that ever compelled man to take this course. In this way man has built a considerable, real guilt; binds him in corresponding travail.

Part of the process of destroying this guilt ... act of pure self-chosen benevolence - this is the peculiar power of the Guru. Impurity consists in the use and speaking of the objects of sensual desire, this involves more of the real man.. This explains why Buddha and Jesus laid first importance on THOUGHT and ACTION.

Ethical impurities involve relationships between man and man; consist of maxims of general rule which one would have applied to himself, principles underlying the Golden Rule throughout human relationships, political ... The essence of the evolution consists in making a step - permitting oneself to do that which oneself would not condemn if the same thing were done by another. Good practice: GET AWAY FROM SEEING OR HEARING THE FAULTS of others. ONE WISHES THEM UPON OURSELVES. They are PROJECTIONS IN OUR OWN CONSCIOUSNESS WHICH WE HAVE TO PUT OUTSIDE ... getting severe with yourself, and you will also clear up all that.

Intellectual impurity. It is quite possible to be intellectually impure. The essence consists of a loose mixture of reverie, fantasy and blind thought. It is a sort of mixture of joint waking and somnambulistic consciousness. The result is great confusion as to what is .. This leads to bondage. It is a habit that interferes radically with true discrimination; DISCRIMINATION BEING THE VITAL ELEMENT IN THINGS OF TRANSCENSION. Intellectual discrimination becomes very pure.

Purity in the broad sense - to be pure is to be rightly aligned with the whole - God, cosmos, self, or any other kind.... when natural tendency for all things to come right. If pure mind is in control .. will finally come. Purity is not all. It is one of the most important. It is too much to expect absolute purity, but in this as well as other respects is not necessary, but as the balance of the whole nature must be sought. .. One accomplishes on the other shore the .....

## CORRELATION OF COSMIC CONSCIOUSNESS

I found that there is not one chance in a thousand in a class in a big city. Most of those present last night were conscious of the felt something - the current. That has made it possible for me to enter into a much closer consciousness, because I have students that have now had contact with actuality, so I will work off from my regular outline of consciousness yesterday, and am going to continue to do so tonight, and will go into deeper waters than otherwise would be the case.

Those of you who are familiar with the New Testament remember Jesus very often said "My kingdom is of the kingdom of heaven." Now the reference in his kingdom of heaven is to Cosmic Consciousness - what we mean by Cosmic Consciousness - what Buddha meant by Nirvana. But the church since then has given it a reduced interpretation, and made it mean one of the paradises, and there is a world of difference. Paradise is merely a state of bliss in the form-world beyond, in the same way as outlined in the subject-object form, subjective world. There are many such states designed to meet the needs of the imagination. (India has its ... Western world may be the Christ - Christianity - forces men to strive for happiness through those teachings) Some who have been worshipping idols will have words according to that, because the substance of these intermediate zones are plastic (?), subject to Western ideation. That's the inference we hear when we go to church. It is not what Jesus meant. All of those words or symbols, Logos, are very veiled, and we do not have words to cover consciousness moving without form. ? There is a Buddhist ... Samsara. These paradises are in Samsara, just as this I have spoken of, this FIELD OF CONSCIOUSNESS, as the world knows it. There are many places(?), subtler and grosser, many forms, all of which fall within Samsara. HE WHO IS SEEKING LIBERATION EQUIVALENT TO COSMIC CONSCIOUSNESS, in effect is SEEKING A PATH OUT OF SUMSARA. ... In many cases it is difficult to attain that which cannot be imaged here.

The ultimate goal of this path, if attained, is the Nirvanic state. I wish you to note the fact that THIS TAKES PLACE OVER A SERIES OF SEVEN STEPS; reaching higher and higher, until the culminating consciousness, when consciousness completely outgrows the Philistine ... To take the very first step is to place oneself in advance of the subject-object world, and to mark him as a mystic, and so on up to the fourth step would be sufficient to cover all the worlds that are outlined in SWEDENBORG'S books, because those were from experience in the Logos. Before that are three steps in formless Logos, and beyond that Cosmic Consciousness.

Suppose an individual has attained that? What has he got? THE COMPLIMENTARY OPPOSITE OF ALL OF THIS CONSCIOUSNESS THAT IS RELATIVE IN TERMS OF FORM AND ~~SUBSTANCE~~ EXPERIENCE, largely under the affective mode attained. It is a state of rest, where this is a state of action. It is a state of formless consciousness, where this is a state of consciousness moving through forms. It is a state of bliss inconceivable, as compared to which our greatest happiness here is really equivalent to a pain; so that from that level of bliss, to endure even pleasure here at the price of losing it, is to endure a pain. Then, it is a state of peace, not of conflict. I could go on many years contrasting so you can get some idea of what it is when you think of as being the "Other kind" - this kind of consciousness taken as a whole. Now one who has reached that state has the possibility of taking another path. Those of you who are familiar with the VOICE OF THE SILENCE -

If one arrives at the Nirvanic state, enters it fully, he breaks his correlation with Samsara, has no knowledge and is in that state without consciousness, without an object, and not even containing objects; but, there is an alternative opposite, a path that leads from Nirvanic consciousness. ? It is a second, where non-consciousness. ? What happens there? Most of the books are very obscure there. You would have to dig - this is a law of consciousness - to find what I am about to say. But, this second path leads to another state of consciousness.

That SECOND STATE OF CONSCIOUSNESS is NEITHER FORM NOR NOT FORM, NEITHER BLISS NOR NOT BLISS, NEITHER ACTION NOR NOT ACTION, COMPLETELY TIMELESS. IT IS THE BEGINNING AND THE END, and THE MEETING ? AND THE AT ONCE. THE BEGINNING OF UNIVERSES AND THE CULMINATION OF ALL UNIVERSES AT THE SAME TIME. It is T R U E COSMIC CONSCIOUSNESS. It is not a state of light as emanating from a sign, or light universal, primordial. Now, note, it is EQUALLY RELATED TO ACTION AND NON-ACTION. In other words, it INCLUDES BOTH NIRVANA AND SUMSARA.

From that level can consciousness move at will, in either direction - from Nirvanic Consciousness or Samsara Consciousness, but in either case it moves downward, or to something that is subordinate. Suppose from that level of consciousness, which is Consciousness Without an Object, having both the fruit ?, at the same time, being without and without content - here is a place where you have to use your paradoxical expressions or you are in deep water; both with and without contact - in one sense you say it is infinite potentiality - suppose at that point consciousness willed to take the ... consciousness without contact choosing to permit the consciousness within it, while remaining still consciousness-without-contact.... I might illustrate it this way, that ordinarily when we think of ourselves we think of ourselves as contained in the universe. Universe is the environment or condenser. We are so small when we look at the bigness, particularly when the astronomer tells us of the size of astronomical bodies; that we are smaller than molecules, relatively, when we contrast ourselves with them. How important we must be. That is our ordinary thought. CONSCIOUSNESS WITHOUT A CONTENT LITERALLY CONTAINS THE WHOLE UNIVERSE. UNIVERSE, then, IS THEN WITHIN THE SELF, and NOT WITHOUT. You see the shifted base?

Suppose that Consciousness descends into Samsara. This then is a the duplication of the original ~~Samsara~~ ? Samsara then is creatively produced by ideation. CONSCIOUSNESS PROJECTED AND FORESEEN OUT OF THE ETERNAL SUBSTANCE - COSMIC CONSCIOUSNESS. All right, so long as you don't get fooled by your own creations. No harm in that. Suppose you go ahead and do that, and then you get entangled, and get a kind of sticky fly paper, and you begin to get an attachment to confusion, instead of feeling yourself identical with consciousness without contact, and you feel yourself identical with that field of attachments ? that you have produced. ...

Most of humanity are in that state of entanglement - caught by the flypaper of the universe scattered about, and the job is to cut loose, and it is all by this process of distinguishing what is the Real Self from what is the self.

Suppose you turn down .. toward the universe, and don't get entangled, then you can act upon and be conscious of form in any degree of form - may creatively produce and yet remain all the time liberated. And liberation in that extended meaning is not confined

to consciousness without content and containing no content, but can indifferently contain content or not contain content, and still remain liberated. Now if you can get this PERSPECTIVE, like of SPACE, then take one of the sentences that comes from the Indian ... "He has attained wisdom who has attained the point where he looks at a tree, an elephant, a ... with wisdom, a sage, Pondica ? a beauty with an equal eye." Just as space - consciousness without contact - a consciousness being above the play of all constraint. ? This is advanced stuff. If you can only get a glimmer -

This consciousness without a content is true Cosmic Consciousness, but as Buddha used the term he has included all of those states of the seven-fold path leading to the Nirvanic State. Bear that in mind when you read there, that most of those are states of consciousness on the way. There may be only one that had that state of Full Consciousness. In that state you are CO-EXISTENT WITH DIVINITY. In that state you would have to say I AM NOT LESS THAN GOD. TRANS-HUMAN, as DANTE used the term. NON-DUAL — see it in this sense:

THAT THERE IS A SELF-ANALYZING PART OF PRIMORDIAL CONSCIOUSNESS - HAS THE CAPACITY TO TURN BACK TOWARD IT, and BE CONSCIOUS OF THE CONSCIOUSNESS.

The whole time-process, the whole time-field is contained within that; does not bind, and that our condition that aims to ? recognize SELF-IDENTITY ON THAT LEVEL is TO WIN ONE'S ESSENTIAL TIME-LESSNESS.

If you were to look upon your body from that level how would you construe it? The body would have less significance than a solvent in the Pacific Ocean; and what happened to the solvent wouldn't hurt the Pacific Ocean. Now when you hear, as you can find in some biographies, of people from the Orient, a person in this position, where this is a certain sage - was approached by a man who had certain aspirations, and to win a certain power he had to sacrifice the head of a male, man, and this chap came to this sage and asked him for his head. The sage said, "So far as I am concerned you are welcome." "If you can come tonight and take it, but my disciples are there, and they might object." The man came, but one of the disciples had clairvoyant powers ...

To our Western consciousness that seems like an impossible state of feeling, but if you actually KNEW the STATE OF PRIMORDIAL CONSCIOUSNESS you could understand it perfectly well. There is no question then about BELIEVING IN IMMORTALITY. It is impossible to conceive of yourself as mortal. Absolute certainty.

Desire can take you to a more favorable position. The culminating position is achieved at the moment desire can be stilled. Aim toward it, but not too intensively. Step by step. Be content to take the steps, for the steps must be taken. Suppose from the vantage ground of consciousness without an object you approach the power of world instructions, or instructions in the world-field, whichever way you want to put it. You know those powers are merit powers. They would have to be broken out, for you approach them as contrasted? in the ordinary world-field.

The ordinary individual who tries to learn music approaches it in this method. He first learns the ordinary technique; talking in the sense of knowledge of harmony, learns about construction of musical form, mastery of his instrument, the principal on which it is constructed. You say this individual is going to work up to the crowning achievement of what can be done, say a conductor of an orchestra. You go and learn all, master all technique, learn how to direct a body of men, manipulate a baton, get up before an orchestra, and turn out a technical performance. You say there are two men who have reached this point, after years and years of work. One of the men has something in addition, has awakened something in addition to the technical knowledge; that something which I-call depth; that something beyond so that he puts into his music a sort of transcendent quality which we may call expression or meaning, and that we know as power. The first man didn't do that - may be valued by musicians, and be a musician, but to those ignorant of music he would seem cold. And that second man would talk to even those who have no knowledge of music, perhaps none at all, and yet he will build a power. This something that he has got doesn't belong to the world-field but is a bit of that which has come down from the transcendent world - cultivation and genius.

Suppose you aspire to the same Cosmic Consciousness. You wish to master it. You would still have to learn that technique, but your starting point would be the crown of achievement from the ... Through the advantage of that, technique could be acquired in only a fraction of the time that otherwise would be necessary. In other words, it is proceeding to command from a superior position rather than gropily working up, walking over a strange trail in daylight as against walking over a strange trail in the dark, and what we have as significance, as essential meaning, we have in essential sense. Illustrate: To have this S\_\_\_\_\_ in consciousness is to have it in implication, over all that comes out of it. It means that you have that as essence. YOU HAVE IN YOUR CONSCIOUSNESS EVERYTHING THAT CAN BE DEVELOPED OUT OF IT. Occult powers are broken out according to those laws, only while ascending the path over these seven steps it is dangerous to \_\_\_\_\_ because they tend to fasten them to the stage on the path where he found them. They fasten them as a ... intriguement of these special powers. Some of them may come instantly, in which case, if given merely incidental attention they are harmless. To put forth effort ~~is~~ or curiosity<sup>is</sup>, because of the one worthwhile end, the earning of Cosmic Consciousness, but if, having earned that position, then the return closes the breaking out such powers, he may go as far as he likes. Then you are invulnerable to intriguement because you are already in a position of superiority. Suppose a person were able to make something vanish and reappear. Well, it is a curiosity stunt. It may be essentially interesting.

First of all is the Liberated Full Consciousness, that which knows I, the key to Joy, Peace - Blessed One - at once, instead of a wanderer in a strange, foreign land. That is the great pearl without price. Seek that first, and cut away everything that stands in the way of that search. That is the course of wisdom. ... Right oneself on reactions - in cogitating?. That is the way of imbedding the egoism even deeper. It is the common sense way - an aim of that which you value most. If it doesn't stand in your way then it is a matter of indifference. Train jumps - nothing to us - then again you shift the level of consciousness. Cosmic Consciousness broken out of the scale would actually stay ... There are other kinds of power - lots of power in those spheres. Consciousness that has reached Cosmic Consciousness is in a state where all of this is irrelevant.

Illustration of caterpillar and butterfly ... Caterpillar has got to NEGATE his essential caterpillar in order to make the butterfly possible, so the modes of consciousness characteristic of the butterfly can be brought out.

Life force negated - breaks through. Negation is only one form - desire form - push and pull - you reach out for - wish for it - and then negate inclinations that go in the counter direction. When the combination has reached a sufficiently important direction then all of a sudden the door opens up, but then, too intense a felt force and then the warning. Grow as the flower grows. There has got to be a moment that is ... , then a moment of quiescence; seems as though we could stop everything - dream state - then the breaking through - the value of silence is there, and then ...

- Q. Can you explain what causes the feeling of unreality? A person is unconscious yet can control his body; and has a feeling of being unconscious outside of the body?
- A. That happens frequently. In that case the consciousness is divided between two levels. With respect to one level - just as the dream seems unreal - it doesn't seem unreal when you are in both. ?
- Q. In what way is an unskilled negro, who has deep faith, is kind, loving and humble, and has some illumination, has knowledge through the Cosmic Consciousness, .....?
- A. Whether a person could judge if a person has Cosmic Consciousness or not ... A great many, particularly in mystical experience, have experiences equivalent to Cosmic Consciousness. I tried to make clear, in the strict sense of the word, COSMIC CONSCIOUSNESS was DIRECT AWARENESS OF REALIZATION OF CONSCIOUSNESS WITHOUT AN OBJECT. Now, we cannot call secondary illumination, cursory illuminations, where light filtered down, producing wonderful interior experience - there are many of those levels in the general direction of Cosmic Consciousness - they are adumbrations, which are not the consciousness itself. THAT CONSCIOUSNESS is equivalent to rising up on a peak, above the clouds, and all who stand below the clouds cannot tell how high a peak it is; how high it goes above the clouds cannot be measured from below.

Now we come to the general question, of a consciousness he supposes is fine, kindly, loving, humble, with a certain exaltation of the soul. One can be born in a process of being born into something better, and yet reflect those qualities. That is not yet Cosmic Consciousness in command. Such a soul is in the line - it carries him on through, essentially safe.

- Q. How far could blind faith take one?
- A. It could never take one beyond the dualistic state of mysticism, which is less than Cosmic Consciousness. The dualistic state of mysticism comprehends (?) all those forms where there is a sense of a mystic OTHERNESS which you might call GOD or something outside yourself.

In the MONASTIC STATE there is COMPLETE IDENTITY BETWEEN ITSELF AND THE DIVINITY, and that is the NECESSARY STATE for CONSCIOUSNESS WITHOUT AN OBJECT. It calls for DEFINITE DISCRIMINATION for MAKING THE CROSSING between the DUALISTIC and the TRULY NON-DUAL. There is more than simply blind faith; INTELLIGENT FAITH always is NECESSARY.

I have never said anything against Intelligent Faith; but, blind faith only carries one a certain distance, and also may lead him to follow in the wrong direction. You get the blind faith in a leader whose motivation is not pure, whose knowledge is not adequate; it wouldn't be so good for the individual who had merely that blind faith. Many fine people, even persons who have given their force to institutions that have been generally negative in their effect, because of their quality of blind faith. It wants to be supplemented by intelligence. Even the scientist uses his faith in his science.

- Q. Do I steal if I see anything done once or twice, and then am able to go and do the same thing myself?
- A. I might call it stealing by the eyes. Is this act justified? Well, I should say it was. I don't see that there is a private property in skill and knowledge that holds as against anyone else that can acquire it. I know if I had any skill or knowledge, I wouldn't feel any rancor for someone who could acquire it. I think the only private property is the limit set by one's ability and diligence. If he has the ability and diligence he can. Of course, if one went about acquiring skill, and then did not take a similar attitude against others who acquired his skill, that would make it a question where the will would have to work both ways; but, you have got to judge these by your own conscience, your own intuition.
- Q. What about inventors whose inventions are acquired by someone else before they are patented?
- A. If you acquire the skill of the inventor by ... you wouldn't get that skill without working, and you earned it by working.
- Q. In what way is psychic development manifested?
- A. Psychic faculties may be manifested in all sorts of ways. On the higher levels there are definite command powers, but we find in primitive people and animals they are very often quite natural. The Indian, for instance, will reveal the course of a typhoon, or another disaster, before it happens. So, these faculties may exist at different levels. When we speak of psychicism we mean not merely the possession of a subtle capacity of reception but the building of one's life's basis upon the seeming information that comes from them, and allowing oneself to be led, without discrimination, thus making the man servant of the psychical state.

As a general thing we do not encourage any deliberate efforts to awaken the psychic faculties. One may be born with them awakened. Then the wise course is to gather what knowledge - use them simply as servants, knowing that they are not authority. They do give information if properly interpreted. The reason we do not encourage the deliberate awakening of them is that they very often divert a person from the path of wisdom, and one becomes interested in seeing subtle things - makes that the end in itself instead of going on to a general illumination - but, if you have it, and it comes spontaneous, then learn what it has to teach.

LIBERATED or COSMIC CONSCIOUSNESS is a SYNTHESIS OF THE SUBJECT-OBJECT CONSCIOUSNESS, so that THE SELF, THE OBJECT, AND THE AWARENESS BECOME ONE CONTINUOUS AND INSEPARABLE FACT.

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You are not "I, here" looking at that, there, or thinking of that there, but I and the THAT are IDENTICAL. The only way I could express the state in terms that would give the analogies adequate would be as regarding the I as SPACE. I ordinarily is like a plumb, a point that has merely a position but no body, therefore you cannot analyze it, whereas the TRANSCENDENT I is like SPACE, so that the SELF IS IDENTICAL WITH THE WHOLE FIELD OF CONSCIOUSNESS ITSELF. Those are just words or concepts until you know the sense, the consciousness itself.

THIS KNOWLEDGE IS NON-RELATIVE, CERTAIN, CATEGORICAL. IT IS KNOWLEDGE IN THE SENSE OF PURE MEANING AND SIGNIFICANCE, WITHOUT IDEAS OR LANGUAGE.

You're on the level of pure significance. This Consciousness is BEYOND SPACE, TIME AND CAUSALITY, in our familiar sense. You know there is a time when you use Knowledge and Consciousness with a capital. Remember the second phase, the POWER OF SELF-ANALYSIS - an ESTABLISHMENT OF PRIMORDIAL CONSCIOUSNESS. With respect to the Knowledge in the primordial sense, you could speak of .. distinguishable characteristics or signs of the Consciousness, such as invariable, incommunicable, non-expressible. Really expressible in an inadequate sense. Of course, you can say something about it; well, if I could assume philosophical terms I would say that the peculiar quality of this consciousness is INCOMMUNICABLE, and the QUALITY IS THE ESSENTIAL QUALITY THAT MARKS IT; without knowing, would say, 'something that touches in a formal way'; that's what we mean by INEFFABLE.

IMMEDIATE. NOT DERIVED THROUGH ANYTHING ELSE.

Not through logical deduction or through experience, as through a process of reaching out through the senses, but IMMEDIATE IN CONSCIOUSNESS. It wouldn't be exact to say it is similar to intuition. I call it

KNOWLEDGE THROUGH IDENTITY.

By THE SELF BECOMING IDENTICAL WITH THE THING KNOWN. Now you see, there is no identity. As soon as seen we involve the element of distance; object reached from consciousness there, that brings in error. Reaching - derived by a process - in all of this there is a certain distance between me and the content, but in that superior consciousness ONE IS IDENTICAL WITH KNOWLEDGE.

Some of its EFFECTIVE QUALITIES are:

FELICITY, PEACE, JOY - that is not dependent upon objects, relationships, upon achievements, possessions or anything of that kind. Now get this idea. Here we go after things to get effects upon our consciousness. We desire certain objects in our relationship, and if we get that object, that possession, or that human relationship. Now, without these objects, TO KNOW THE JOY VALUE IMMEDIATELY, you see, you have got it - the gold without any dross, and the JOY POTENTIALITY.

Of course, that depends upon the state, how profound. In its really profound state the joy could very easily be more than the organism can stand. Just as it is possible for a person to die from a pain experience - THE POWER - it is possible at the other extreme to have the JOY WHICH WILL OVERPOWER. It is well to RESTRAIN it, to not go to unrestraint... You always have to keep that in mind, and BE WISE ABOUT THE BODY. Never exact from it more than it can stand, particularly the nervous organism, but even with the body, to reduce the tensivity of the current. You can know that it is a BLISS so profound that any price or any cost that could have been exacted would have been small as compared with the value. In going through the literature it seemed to be universal testament, over and over - ALLIFETIME OF SUFFERING, YEA, MANY LIFETIMES OF SUFFERING, TO ENJOY THIS FOR A BRIEF TIME. It is the joy that comes from all that value. The mystic calls it the ... ; GOD, THE BEING AT HOME, THE HAVING ARRIVED, ... I AM. IT IS A FELT THING, AS IT COMES THROUGH. THE CURRENT OF BLISS ACTUALLY POURS DOWN INTO THE OUTER PERSONALITY, and THERE YOU CAN BEGIN TO OBSERVE REFLECTED ACTION. It has the sense of flowing through, without direction, (not ?) from the top down. If you could get the idea of a movement that never went anywhere, evolves, I speak of it, which turns upon itself, ceaselessly moving, and plays through and through, and more as though flowing in every direction instead of in this direction; carrying a sense of release and soothing, peace into the mind; the whole emotional nature at rest, content, a sense of benediction. Felt even way down in the physiological, yet at the same time flowing into apart that you feel is holy; takes in the whole of man. Closely connected to that JOY is the quality of

### PEACE.

That's a thing I don't think you could imagine. States of meditation, no longer in the struggle, no longer struggling with others or with yourself. ALL IS PEACE. Not merely a feeling of peace, but PEACE ACTUALLY. This state is also:

### UNITARY

IDENTICAL WITH ALL SELVES in a PROFOUND SENSE, so that you might say when you speak from that level of Consciousness: 'I REFLECT MYSELF THROUGH ALL CREATURES,' 'I MANIFEST THROUGH ALL CREATURES.' The distinction I AM THAT melts away. It is also the SENSE OF GOD-CONSCIOUSNESS. You are not conscious as a man but CONSCIOUS AS DIVINITY. Those of you who have been students have probably read and heard a good deal to the effect that the Self of man is indeed a spark of Divinity ... so you can say, I AM GOD; but, one may say that as long as he pleases, but prove to himself that logical theorizing - and yet, so long as nothing more, it is an idea in the right direction - but TO HAVE THE DIRECT REALIZATION OF THAT WHICH YOU HAVE CALLED YOURSELF, actually there, DIVINITY IS SELF - IS TO HAVE THE REALIZATION IN YOUR CONSCIOUSNESS.

### IMMORTALITY

Must follow; have the certainly of immortality. If it didn't it would be just purely in logic. If one can IDENTIFY HIMSELF AS IDENTICAL WITH SPACE, and THAT SPACE CONTAINS ALL OBJECTS (?) - the taking or destroying of objects does not affect the existence of space. It would not, therefore, affect the EXISTENCE OF THAT SELF WHICH IN ITSELF HAS EXISTENCE, hence IMMORTALITY IS A FACT, not a belief, on that

level of consciousness. Bodies can disappear and come (?) but I go on forever. Change that sensual self ... This relation becomes reflected in the personal consciousness. If it had any doubt before, that would be removed; that would go.

### FEARLESSNESS WITH RESPECT TO DEATH.

Have you, from ignorance, dreaded any pain connected with it? Fear of death, and fear of the pain of death, are two very different things. DEATH IS A TRANSITION. Now as a matter of fact, apart from the possibility of a painful illness, death doesn't amount to any more than going to sleep. YOU LOSE CONSCIOUSNESS OF FUNCTIONING ON THIS PARTICULAR PLANE, and when you go to sleep you do the same thing. We don't have a period of stagefright every time we go to bed. The last time we don't. DEATH is only THE BIG UNCONSCIOUSNESS on THIS PLANE. Being unconscious here doesn't mean that you cease to be. You have learned that when you go to bed you will be up the next morning, so it's all right. So, dropping the physical body doesn't involve the question of discontinued being.

### ILLUMINATION.

The term LIGHT is practically universal in designating a very important quality of consciousness. When we speak of illumination we are speaking of an effect that is produced in the relative man. You could say "So and so is illumined." but in that case you would be speaking of the effect. This something is RECOGNITION THAT PRODUCES EFFECT on the RELATIVE MAN BOTH FOR HIS OWN ANALYSIS AND FOR OTHERS. That something that happens in consciousness you naturally call LIGHT, and represent with light terms. You might actually SEE or EXPERIENCE LIGHT; very frequent, not NOT ALWAYS the case. SUBJECTIVE LIGHT is a light - it might be of different colors on the higher levels - of yellow or white, highly brilliant.

If we are to believe the records of instances where that light was visible in the vicinity of those ... It was said that those who were with St. Paul saw the light. He was blinded by it, according to records, for days. St. John of the Cross had a similar experience, with the pressure blinding his eyes for a few days, and it was reported that the jailer saw the light... In other cases, a state equally high or higher. It isn't a measure. THE DEPTH PENETRATION MAY TAKE PLACE WITHOUT THE SUBJECTIVE LIGHT. The REASON WHY subjective light appears in some cases and not in others is this. There are two parts to the man, sometimes called the SOUL and MIND, or, we might call it UNCONSCIOUS and CONSCIOUS, PSYCHIC AND CONSCIOUS. ? Properly understood, this side of the SOUL is NOT REALLY DIVERSE FROM THE MIND, but there are rather two component parts of ONE ENTITY; but one side may be more highly evolved than the other. In fact it is in most cases. If that SOUL, as often called, is PURE and READY, with a FELT UNDERSTANDING, the ILLUMINATION may come at a time when THE MIND IS NOT AT ALL PREPARED; the understanding outwardly, is not prepared. If that occurs then its effect on the mind is to produce a subjective light. If the MIND IS PREPARED, so it can assimilate this material, then it may all go into ILLUMINATION OF THE CONSCIOUSNESS - of the CONSCIOUS CONTACT OF THE MIND, in which case there would not be the residue manifested as Light, as in the case of Carpenter and J. William Lloyd; there were no manifestations of the subject/<sup>ive</sup>light. St. Paul and St. John of the Cross are the most marked cases we know of manifested light. Another feature is,

## FIRE AND-HEAT.

I believe there are some here who know what I am talking about, without illustrating, for I know some of you have had the experience of heat, subtle heat. It will make the body quite warm sometimes. Again, the fire is not necessarily manifested as heat. You may say that there is no resistance. As you know, put in an electric current, as it reaches the wire, it becomes warm. After a time the heat phenomena will disappear. You will have less, even though in the presence of ... less and less degree of fire. Pascal - series of ejaculations, when he had his mystical awakening; just brief statements - didn't write anything beyond that - Fire, fire, joy, joy, exaltation. Just a few remarks like that he wrote down, and they were meaningless unless one understood, but he was a mathematician, and knew how to express himself. Just brief notes to indicate something beyond expression.

## TRANSFIGURATION.

In some cases very marked. Of course the ancient Orientals, much exaggerated. Our best-known cases were such as Jesus. Much the same thing is said of Buddha. And, if there are witnesses, where it is witnessed, it is reported even in minor cases. An effect left on the person, left on the countenance that has the value as of LIGHT, RADIANT. Now, in the GENUINE COSMIC CONSCIOUSNESS and not in the adumbrations, there is a TRANSCENDENCE OF SIN AND GUILT, OF KARMA, because CONSCIOUSNESS IS ON ANOTHER LEVEL. This level of consciousness - WITHOUT AN OBJECT - it is as though THE LAW OF KARMA OPERATES WITHIN AND BELOW YOU. YOU AND YOUR TOTALITY ARE SUPERIOR. IT OPERATES WITHIN AND BELOW.

## INSTANTANEOUS.

The shift is not a slow progression, but rather a SUDDEN TURN. Those of you who were present Friday night may have noted that ALL AT ONCE CONSCIOUSNESS WAS ACTING ON ANOTHER FIELD, WITHOUT STEPS OF PREPARATION FOR IT, but ONE MOMENT HERE AND THERE. Now the

## DURATION OF THE STATES:

Are almost always VERY BRIEF. Dr. Buck had a glimpse, but a few seconds, once in his life, and from those few seconds he got values that he never had been able to attain prior to that, and they remained there. He wrote the book Cosmic Consciousness twenty-five years later, and it made possible the writing of that book. Less than a minute, a few seconds on this level - there is no time limit; a thousand years .. a day, with reference to-that consciousness level. Suppose a person were to go into the deepest level of Samadhi consciousness, there is no universe to act as a phenomena, no time passage. One could be there, objectively construed, a few seconds on the one hand, or a billion years, so far as the inner state is concerned the two are equivalent. On the other hand, from that standpoint the whole period of the joy of manifestation is equivalent to the time of making a man.

I know these things are hard to grasp purely as ideas. You have heard them before, 'That a thousand years are as a day, a thousand days as a year.' And yet, its very timelessness makes that necessarily so. Time measure doesn't mean anything. It isn't a question then of being in that state for protracted periods of time to get the ideas; and,

a minute and a thousand years are the same on that level. The ONLY LIMITING FACTOR in which TIME COMES IN is in the RECORDING, in the PERSONAL BRAIN (?) there. But that recording can go on afterwards, years and years, from one really profound penetration. --You can write the material for a lifetime, developed as a seed in the consciousness from but a moment of time of COSMIC INSIGHT. Judged from the physical point of time there is a measure. States are rarely over half an hour, and in very few instances over two hours of constant staying in the state. Buddha - longer. From an external point of view the state might last for years. It is

### SPONTANEOUS.

It bursts forth. It isn't something that comes as a result of definite efforts, but it breaks through. On the more common level the shift to a transcendent consciousness is spontaneous. As conditions are ready it happens, but there is also a MORENESS, that DEPTH QUALITY. A word uttered in it, of the commonest of words, would be filled with SUBSTANCE, whereas words uttered in ordinary consciousness are shallow. So, it's not simply the logical meaning or conception of words, but that FEELING. THAT FEELING IS ACTUAL SUBSTANCE. It makes a difference.

### CONTROL.

Most will not have the power to control the state, or control action in the state, but it is possible.

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I think you already have this lecture.

We have some people with us tonight who are not familiar with the work we are doing, and so that they may know what we are talking about I shall have give them an outline of what we mean by Transcendent Consciousness. We try to show that there is such a thing, and the goal of all religions and higher philosophies is this, and that there is an abundance of evidence of its actuality. We try to trace earmarks, so far as they are reconcilable, to point out steps that are favorable for its realization. That is the spoken side of the work. Along with that we have a process of purification as, in fact, the fundamental requirement for awakening to a transcendental level of consciousness is the removal of barriers. These barriers in a broad sense we may call introspective. We have a certain method by which we lead the student through a self-purification before the bar of their own judgment.

Now just what do we mean by Cosmic Consciousness. There is only one way we can suggest the meaning. First of all, an analysis of our ordinary consciousness. Picking out its essential characteristics and then showing that this other consciousness is consciousness in a totally different sense. The most important characteristic of our ordinary consciousness lies in this fact: that there is a self which we commonly call I, which is aware of the world experience, whether in a subtle or a gross sense. This produces the world of diverse forms, the world in which confusion between the self and the not-self can arise, and all the problems of this kind of consciousness with which we are familiar. This kind of consciousness, this kind of experience produces problems of personal, social, national, political, religious, philosophical - many of which cannot be solved in an adequate way on this level where they arise; and, if this were the only level of consciousness the final level would then be one of despair, but through awakening to this other type of consciousness, even in a minor degree, one finds the problem solved. Apparently irreconcilable problems resolve into reconciliation. The solution may take different forms. It may be that from a higher level of integration there will be a solution even in terms that can be formulated, and in many cases, as when it is a problem involving the affective nature, it is solved by the man changing into a sort of larger self, if you please, with which the problem no longer exists. The world-field consciousness takes on a different meaning, and he finds that they were problems simply because he was moving in relative darkness. They no longer have meaning - and, we are simply not interested in building up an idea of this kind of consciousness. We are aiming towards some measure of realization of it as far as possible.

To attain it as a matter of self effort alone is difficult, but we have the advantage of another caulty. To illustrate this other factor I have to say something about the nature of the consciousness in so far as we can speak of it. It is at once a Consciousness, a Substance, an Energy; at the same time not in the sense that you can say "Here is a substance, here a consciousness, there an energy." but, it is ALL AT ONCE. The result is, the consciousness if a filled consciousness, not simply a consciousness of surfaces. By consciousness of surface I mean just our ordinary world-field type of consciousness. We are aware of objects as surfaces. Even just take an ordinary object as seen with the eye. We don't experience, through the I, the depth dimension, even with these ordinary objects. We experience only the surface. If you cut into it you wouldn't experience the depth. You would have merely more surface. Just an illustration: that our knowledge through the senses, through thought or any of our common modes, appeals only through the surfaces.

of things, the surfaces of the real, hence the values from that consciousness leave something in man unsatisfied. Great knowledge in that sense may still leave a depth in man that is hungry. This Other Consciousness gives the value of being fed, therefore substantial. It is very hard for us to think that a given word like "satisfaction" can actually be compounded out of the substance which is satisfaction; born out of it; that the immediate quality itself can be known, can be realized, without things acting as vehicles to satisfaction. There is a state where one may know satisfaction in every sense at once; reaching all the way from a , lower pole, to a satisfaction - the highest intellectual, emotional sense in every direction that you can imagine, at one and the same time. That can be realized. Now here are some interesting things that result. Just take this as an idea, because I cannot assume you to be in the state.

Suppose you were in the state of complete satisfaction in every sense, what would happen to desire? It would disappear. Precisely! Desire goes out in the sense of longing when there is fulfillment, complete satisfaction in every way, and desire disappears. Our ORDINARY HUMAN CONSCIOUSNESS is DESIRE-LED. We ACT UNDER THE GUIDANCE, DRIVING FORCE, OF DESIRE; desires of all sorts. Some of them unfold, some of them not. Even aspiration involves the element of desire. WITHOUT DESIRE WE WOULD NOT ACT PHYSICALLY, MENTALLY, OR IN ANY OTHER WAY. in the human level purpose. We could not, oh, ordinarily, as we understand, accomplish a certain direction without desire. You reach a level then where DESIRE DISAPPEARS; consciousness in our ordinary sense of the world would also disappear, and another kind altogether take its place, governed by a different phase of law.

WILL can be INVOKED but the desire in the sense that "I wish to complete something for myself" vanishes, because there is completeness. There is one possible desire that can grow out of that state - the SENSE OF PRIVATE COMPLETENESS is NOT THE SAME as COMPLETENESS FOR CONSCIOUSNESS with THE HUMAN RACE AS A WHOLE. Now you see the problem of completeness for human consciousness as such, and that as completeness for one's own private consciousness are two different problems. If one is a philosopher rather than a private seeker it is the solution of the problem in general rather than the private problem that is of most importance, so it is probably from that level of complete private satisfaction - desire satisfaction as such, as a racial experience - therefore another kind of desire can arise there, because there is a certainty of incompleteness. ?

Now the private I and the Universal I are, in the last analysis, inseparable. We are dealing with the level of consciousness that is integrated rather than any discreet numbers continuously, disintegrated. ? In trying to represent what happens at the moment of RECOGNITION I use this symbolism: First, by a process of discriminative self-analysis, and it may take one a long time before he discovers the trick of this analysis; it is difficult to discover because it is the simplest thing in the world; look far, because it is closer than anything else.

By one means or another he succeeds finally in discriminating the I FROM-THE OR THE SELF, IN ITS PURITY, from the NOT-I, an OBJECT OF CONSCIOUSNESS. Now, of course, the first stages are quite obvious - TO SEPARATE YOURSELF FROM BODY, MIND, EMOTIONS, and SO ON, but then you think - start analyzing the I, and think you got it, and you have the ME; you have a subtle object, not merely an I; there is a vast difference.

Then, to get the consciousness that doesn't see a me as an object, the

the PURE CONSCIOUSNESS as I, not consciousness of I - consciousness, in other words OF NOTHING. When you have done that perfectly - been contracting consciousness to a higher point, finer and finer, until it becomes a POINT, that has no properties, no distinguish parts, no body, only as a point which we may call a CENTER OF ALL, THE LIGHT OF CONSCIOUSNESS; you may represent it as the earth. The moment you realize that, what happens? At once it is realized, as A-SPACE WITHOUT LIMIT; in other words, it is a SPATIAL CONSCIOUSNESS, spreading into infinities. That consciousness is one that we may call "that which corresponds to the object of ordinary consciousness" IS IDENTICAL WITH THE SELF, not in reference is anything but I, not now a Point, but a Space without dimensions, of which our various perceptual or geometric spaces are merely derivatives. Now SPACE IS UNITARY. It includes all Point-I Consciousness; i.e., in other words, all presently discreet selves. So, THERE IS NO DEFINITE OR FINAL DISCRIMINATION BETWEEN A PERSONAL-I and the UNIVERSAL-I ON THAT LEVEL, and the meaning of I thus is subject to a consciousness; first it shifts into a WE - at one point we say I AM I AND NONE OTHER, and I, AS A UNIVERSAL SELF, NOT BOUNDED BY THE UNIVERSE BUT CONTAIN THE UNIVERSE. Just the reverse of the way it appears to ordinary consciousness here. To ordinary consciousness here it seems as though we were within the universe, and there is that great largeness outside extending to astronomic space, and, how puny we are.

SPATIAL-I INCLUDES ALL THAT, COMPREHENDS IT WITHIN, so as space sustains this Universe in the ordinary sense, so I SUSTAIN ALL THIS UNIVERSE; IT RESTS UPON, DEPENDS UPON ME, and I AM REGARDLESS OF WHETHER IT IS - just as space is regardless of whether there is a Universe in it or not. Cosmic Consciousness is not that concept merely - IT IS THAT AS DIRECT REALIZATION. In that Consciousness which I am ALL THINGS ABIDE and REST IN ABSOLUTE DEPENDENCE UPON ME, or UPON THE I. Of course, that is to REALIZE the IDENTITY OF THE SELF with DIVINITY. It is to know that I AM NO OTHER THAN THE DIVINE, and that ALL CREATURES from the mineral atom up to those who have been called Gods are eternally imbedded in that divinity. And, most of those centers are imbedded in that divinity without knowledge of the fact. TO HAVE RECOGNIZED it is to AT THE SAME BE BE CONSCIOUS OF THAT FACT. You have added then, PRIMORDIAL CONSCIOUSNESS. To this, which is, before universes and before time, eternal and changeless, you have added SELF CONSCIOUSNESS. As a consequence then, COSMIC CONSCIOUSNESS in the fundamental sense DOES NOT BECOME - IT ETERNALLY IS - and EVERY CREATURE IS IN IT, and yet, for the most part, that consciousness is not distinguishable from unconsciousness.

When one sinks beyond, into the deeper stages of sleep, ordinarily it is 'dreamless sleep'. Now I wish to call your attention to this fact - that between consciousness that is not self-conscious and unconsciousness there is nothing that we can distinguish. Consciousness that is not self-conscious would seem to us like unconsciousness, therefore we speak of the state of consciousness of dreamless sleep - don't say that it is a state of unconsciousness; it is, in one sense, unconscious, because we haven't awakened to consciousness of consciousness. CONSCIOUSNESS OF CONSCIOUSNESS IS THE GREAT ACHIEVEMENT OF LIFE.

To be a man is to be conscious of consciousness to a degree, but to fully understand the consciousness of consciousness takes a long period of evolution until it finally reaches the point where the evolving intelligence can turn upon PURE CONSCIOUSNESS, ABSOLUTELY

FORMLESS AND WITHOUT CONTENT, and BE CONSCIOUS OF CONSCIOUSNESS. That's what we mean by CONSCIOUSNESS OF THE NOW. There are many intermediate stages between that level, the goal - the goal which is complete freedom - and this ordinary, Objective Consciousness. There are several levels between; progressive series, stages, approaching where the content element in consciousness becomes subtler and subtler - the power to apprehend becoming more and more acute. There could be, and are - there is, in fact - a realm of fading (? or, innate) shades of consciousness about us at all times of which we have no knowledge. Sometimes an individual may awaken to a subtle power of perception so that he is aware of the \_\_\_\_\_ around him, can even feel the \_\_\_\_\_, so that he knows there is another field of action, that there are other beings which previously had been unknown to him because he hadn't been able to be conscious of consciousness in those realms. It is awakening to very fine subtleties at first. We might say THAT UNDISCOVERED LAND OF CONSCIOUSNESS seems to us LIKE DARKNESS; the deepest kind of darkness; and, at one's first glimpsing of it might take the form of a darkness not quite so dense - a shading, a little number ? light extending into it; feather-edge, and then IF ONE CAN GRASP ON TO IT, and CAN ALSO OWN that IT IS IDENTICAL WITH HIMSELF - HE ESTABLISHES HIS BASE IN THE FIELD, and what was DARKNESS presently has the value of a MORE BRILLIANT LIGHT than he has EVER KNOWN BEFORE, in contract to which this ordinary consciousness comes within the value of darkness.

I think the very BEST ILLUSTRATION of this SHIFTING OF LIGHT is to be found in PLATO'S SEVENTH BOOK - illustration in the cave; you know those people who live in a cave - throwing lights of certain figures that are walking back and forth, and that was the only world they knew. These men were chained there. Plato imagined one of them fighting his way out - when he comes out in the brilliant sunshine where the light is intense the first effect is to blind him. In other words, the outside seems to him at first darkness. It seems darker than it did in the cave because the light is so bright. He waits there until he becomes adjusted, and presently he can see objects, less brilliant ones, and more and more, and after a considerable time he may be able to look at the sun direct. Now, his eye being \_\_\_\_\_ outside, he goes back into the cave; that seems dark. The cave is more genuinely dark than the outside. So, WE HAVE TO PLAY BACK AND BACK, to REPRESENT THE PROCESS OF TRANSCENDENT RECOGNITION. (incorrectly spoken of as Transcendent Experience) There, I correctly myself, and that is a correct point. EXPERIENCE IS CONSCIOUSNESS CONDITIONED BY TIME. Evolved on the Timeless Level you never experience. See how that must be so? What is it? What has happened? I have used the word Recognition, spelled with a capital R to represent that. COSMIC CONSCIOUSNESS does NOT BECOME; you AWAKEN to WHAT IS ETERNAL FACT; and, in the intermediate stages there are what you may call, very properly, mystical experiences, states that are to a degree time-qualified - state that to a degree are made up of an objective relationship.

Thus, if one sees an interior image or SYMBOL - of a grand, noble figure: A Buddhist would see his concept of the Buddha in such a subjective form. If he was a Janist the Buddha would have a Janist cast in spite of the fact that ..... if he was a Hindoo it would be the appearance of whatever one of the sages or other Gods, vichas .... and so on, whatever was the peculiar object of devotion of the Hindoo. If a Christian it is his conception of the Christ. It very likely will not appear like Jesus, the man, because we re-form our image of that being very much in the features of our own race. THE IMAGE WILL APPEAR. In one sense these appearances are real in that they carry the a light of significance;

a light out of the Transcendent Consciousness; but you can see quite well that there are forms according to subjective idealization. They are apparent to him. They may set him on his feet, as it were, in a new kind of life. That appearance object is really like the self, but it appears to the present stage of consciousness as object. It is THAT QUALITY WITHIN HIMSELF that IS ONE WITH THE CHRISTLIKE PRINCIPLE that is MANIFESTED TO HIM as OBJECT. THE CHRIST HAS SPOKEN. THE UNIVERSAL CHRIST IS REAL, but, on the level of FORMLESS CONSCIOUSNESS there is no object.

Now, we reach from step to step in this series. I say there is no object. That has to be modified. I wonder if we can get over a kind of CONSCIOUSNESS WITHOUT CONSCIOUSNESS THAT PERMITS CONTENT. At the same time that there is FORMLESS CONSCIOUSNESS there can be contained within it FORM. In our ordinary relationship with form we are undistinguished I standing in relation to these ordinary forms. Suppose one reaches the point where he knows his identity in formless consciousness - CONSCIOUSNESS WITHOUT A CONTENT, and then below, HIS IDENTITY. Within Consciousness without content forms may play there part. In that case form does stand as outside him, or outside his consciousness, relative to his consciousness but within; the whole universe within that consciousness. The consciousness itself then is like SPACE AND CONTENTS, so there is nothing to be so scared about when you speak of FORMLESS CONSCIOUSNESS. When we say the Universe is destroyed it is not a literal destruction, as one would ordinarily imagine. It is the universe as containing and binding me, the self, I and in turn it becomes a mode of my manifestation.

You see, Karmic law operates within relationship .... I, thinking myself, bound within it, modified by it, and subject to that Law of Karma. Look at this - when I KNOW MY IDENTITY as SPACE, that law merely operates, as it were, within me, but does not bind, and that one is is Karma-less, free, when he realizes that consciousness. THAT LIBERATION then is not simply the reward of merit. It is not the effect of any causes. It is JUST THE DISCRIMINATION in the last analysis - a certain kind of ...

If one's consciousness is darkened, life filled with much evil, the chances are very remote that he ever can make that discrimination. Let him practice the idea. ... Win a normal attitude of life, with which every living organism is endowed in order that it may abide is a law to continue self-existent, therefore defends itself against others so that it may exist. That leads us then to an objective life, continuous in the world-field. Now, then, we take, and opposed to this self interest with which we come, self on the opposite reality of altruistic, empty, until we reach the point that the altruism is as strong as the, not only the consciousness, but conscious altruism. You get a balance of two force fields, and in that situation the Recognition becomes very easy.

If you notice, the ethic of Jesus and Buddha centers in this altruism practice. This is the rational underlying it; what it affects - an ANNIHILATION OF EGOISM. Here we have the egoistic self - you have the counter principle developed in the individual, you get something like a MUTUAL ANNIHILATION - involves AWAKENING OF CONSCIOUSNESS on ANOTHER LEVEL.

Illustration from physics. We know that the atom is composed of a number of still finer units. Among these units are those called electrons and positrons. An electron and positron actually meet, they being charges of electricity, one positive, one negative, just equal. If they actually meet they annihilate each other - but, in other places, a flash of radiation. Now, matter in its ordinary sense in that... and in place, radiating energy. Ordinary consciousness may be likened to matter in the form of electrons and positrons. Object consciousness ? may be likened to flash of radiation. Now that flash of radiation spreads throughout space, waves sent out; therefore we may say it is IDENTICAL WITH SPACE. The electron and positron then become as extensive as space. Yet couple trying to imagine, know, so that when the ordinary mode of consciousness was thought of as being conscious, people couldn't see how there could be anything else. Now physics gives us a key, because we can see how a certain state of existence can be actually annihilated so far as that state is, and still be as a FLASH OF RADIATION. It may seem to the electron and positron as though they were dying, and, mystically it is a DEATH, and immediately following upon the death is a BIRTH to A GRANDEUR that makes all previous births seem extreme bondage, and that is what actually happens upon AWAKENING.

And what do you find? Universal testimony among those who have had even a very moderate degree of awakening; that this is so worth while that any price would be ... not a life of packed suffering, but a series of lives of packed suffering, and yes, worlds. Now you don't have to have all of that, but that gives you an idea of the value. The birth may actually be easy - depends on the nature, how far it has been able to break attachments, entanglements. Some people might ride right through. If your aspiration has already been over, as it were, on the other side, then dropping the ... bound-consciousness, it is not a moment, after one awakens - it only seems so in the contracted period; so, we liken it to the symbol of the butterfly and the caterpillar. The caterpillar representing ordinary human life. The caterpillar never becomes... merely becomes a juicier caterpillar ... must go through another change..... that to our caterpillar seems like.. on the other side it is inception. ZERO BECOMES THEN INFINITY. If any of you have had any experience with Differential Calculus, Infinite and Zero, or ... and, suppose you have a relationship practically equivalent to Identity - one being simply the reverse of the other - simply born into another field.

The next subject we were taking up in our work was on the effects of illumination when reflected on the Subject-Object or Relative Consciousness.

The actual state of COSMIC CONSCIOUSNESS on its own level is something inexpressible. It has no relationship to light, and any one who has had even a minor glimpse will know what I am talking about. We have not, in words, music, art, and in any vehicle, in any matter, an adequate degree, and it doesn't therefore follow that it is useless. SOME VALUE IS BORNE OVER, but I want to warn you that the value that is brought over and communicated is not the pure consciousness itself, but it is something that enriches this consciousness, and whoever comes into the field, is living in the force ... in a sense, qualities can be brought into this field of consciousness from time beyond that tend to exact, raise, purify this consciousness; or expression in some sense is the means by which it is done.

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I want you not only to give me this statement but keep a record for yourself of your experience, and of future effects as far as you have any future evidence in the subsequent days. That's very important, and then when you get into the dry periods of life, return to those experiences, reread them. They are your own. Your own experience will have a power with you that is peculiarly potent, and in depressed moments or when the consciousness is dull, it will be a source of light, refreshing your memory; keep it fresh in your consciousness. One thing that happens in the down periods, dry periods, is possibly a doubt of yourself, as you were at a high point. This is one of the tests on the way:

WHETHER YOU HAVE THE POWER TO CUT THROUGH DOUBT  
WITH THE SWORD OF SPIRITUAL KNOWLEDGE - WITH THE  
AID OF WHAT YOU YOURSELF AT A GIVEN MOMENT KNEW.

It isn't enough then to have been in the state, but TO IMPRESS THAT as much as possible IN THE STRUCTURE OF THE MIND so it can be referred to at all times, and it will have a power to tend to draw back to the same level. So, keeping diaries is a matter of great value for the individual who does it, and it may prove to be a value for others. A great deal that we might have learned from the Orient we cannot because they did not have the habit of writing autobiographies. A means of studying the mystic, and particularly the psychology of mysticism (?) is to have enough intelligent people who have a proper purpose in mind at the time of writing. I want you to write. Do that with complete frankness with respect to the state.

We have not only the interests in this state for each individual, but have always in view the larger purpose of building a stronger premise in the intellectual world that mystical consciousness is an intellectuality, a desirable thing; a door to not only another world but a world that is much more real than this world. We can prove it. I have gone through that problem very thoroughly. As a matter of logical demonstration, Hagle (?) made a great attempt in that direction. Critical analysis always shows the failure of the effort from a point of view of life. We know today the reason why. We didn't in those earlier days understand logic so well. You've got to have in addition to your logic the base of an original insight. Now the original insight is something private to the individual who has it. How is that insight to be conveyed to others so as to convince them that here is something to be sought? That is a practical problem.

We want that consciousness, as a light. How are we going to build toward transforming it stronger than it now is, increasing, disseminating manifestation of changes of character in the individual to one of greater purity of strength, the manifestation of skills such as that of being able to express in a literary way, or manifestation of other capacities that are unusual. These are things that can be observed in the person that has unlocked the door to mystical consciousness in his own nature.

If we can force some of the serious attention of the scientific world we will have accomplished something worth while. Now there are those in the scientific world who have studied the subject sufficiently to know that mystical sages or intellectuals ... so there are many that do know; yet there are many who do not know that there is something to be sought. We want to find those, so that they don't pass through this life and come to death without realizing the possibility.

I am not going back to merely a private enjoyment of the state, but I am trying to make as wide a realization as possible, so, it's a social problem. You see through this THE KEY TO THE HANDLING OF EVERY PROBLEM; TO AWAKEN TO THE MIND OF WISDOM that is necessary to handling our practical social problems that are too much for the ordinary relative consciousness. I see no solution any other way. The needs of men, of things, is to grow, and we need more and more of the LIGHT FROM ABOVE, THE PURIFYING CURRENT THAT WILL MAKE THE WATERS OF EARTH EXISTENCE LESS BITTER, and the more there are who can serve as DISTRIBUTORS, the better. Your importance when you can become a DISTRIBUTOR OF THIS LIGHT is one that cannot be traced on the outside.

Let me illustrate, perhaps, how important effects can be subtly influenced. Decisions of peoples that may mean war on one hand, class struggle, and all sorts of frictions are under the CONTROL OF CERTAIN PSYCHOLOGICAL OR PSYCHIC STATES. Man's mind is very subtle to this.. THOSE STATES ARE CONTAGIOUS. If they are a dark, inimical sort they are capable of producing all sorts of damage in a social body, and can wreck a civilization. Those DARKER TENDENCIES, DISRUPTIC TENDENCIES CAN BE MET BY THE OPPOSITE KIND OF POWER, PURELY AS A SUBTLE FORCE, WHICH DISSOLVES (DESTROYS ?) these darker powers, COMING FROM A MORE POTENT SOURCE. It's important that you should be in these unfavorable places such as cities, for the need is great here, but it's a harder place to make correlation with the consciousness. I, in the mountains, in the pure setting, much easier. But, the thing doesn't exist there. Those that stand as wires in the midst of these harsh places, and this is a harsh place, are doing miracle work. I find I can only stand it for a certain limited time, because it is peculiarly difficult for my temperament, but some seem to have the kind of toughness that makes city life possible. It does take a certain kind of toughness. I don't see how you can stand this spacial suffocation.

Those reports I rank as real treasures, and they are a form of credential too. Later on, with the permission of those who gave me those reports, I would like to read some of them to you anonymously ... but I don't want to read these until others have handed in what they will hand in. I don't want to set a pattern in your minds so that you will tend to express the form someone else may use. I want it to be yours. And now you are MORE COMPLETELY INDIVIDUAL than at any other time.

There are THREE THINGS that CAN SET A LIMIT TO A RECOGNITION so it doesn't go as far as it might. One is A SENSE OF FEAR, which WILL LEAD TO A RETREAT FROM IT. The other is a sense of AWE, which sets up a BARRIER, so that YOU THINK OF IT as AN OTHERNESS instead of AN IDENTITY; and the third factor is the TENDENCY, PRETTY STRONG, to UNDERVALUE THE IMPORTANCE OF YOUR OWN INSIGHT. We have been taught from the past to be humble like worms, worms in the dust. Well, maybe the personality is something like that. I don't say it's quite that bad, but THAT CONSCIOUSNESS WHICH IS GROUNDED IN THE RECOGNITION "I AM DIVINE" is TREATED SCORNFULLY when one thinks of himself as a worm. That moment that one has DIGNITY. It's not the personal I then. IT'S MORE THAN THE PERSONAL I. Stand, regard yourself as dignity, that moment when you look back on it from the ordinary level of consciousness. That's the edge of divination (?) even if only for a few brief seconds, so it's the wrong place for the feeling of humility. That has its place on the outside.

One question that I can answer?

Q. If one receives a flash of recognition ... ?

A. A flash of recognition in such case is a flash of the mind and not of the soul. Inwardly you have positive value. Personality has not shared in it as much as it would have if your mind was prepared to recognize it for what it was, but that doesn't mean it is lost in the real sense. It's value remains, and the way is made easier for a later step. Again, HOLDING THIS AS THE SACRED THING IN YOUR LIFE, as the CENTRAL TREASURE, as a GLIMPSE OF THE PEARL WITHOUT PRICE, NEVER DOING THAT THING WHICH YOU FEEL DOES IT VIOLENCE; THEN BEING A FAITHFUL SERVANT, AND GUARDING IT, you prepare for the repetition; come closer to the day when you may call ? the correlation in your own right, with your own power.

Women can much easier get into the dualistic, apparently, than men, but nothing ... I don't refer to it much because it rather appalls, and when you read books you will find Vora (?) spelled with a capital V ... When you read St. John of the Cross, he speaks of that state of KNOWING NOTHING, TRANSCENDING ALL KNOWLEDGE, relative consciousness, sounding like nonsense, but you also know that it isn't a nothing that is an absence. IT IS NOTHING FROM THE RELATIVE STANDPOINT. Actually it is this SUBSTANTIALITY; it's FULLNESS. You have never known fullness before, FULLNESS OF THE VOID. MORE SATISFYING THAN ANYTHING, MUCH MORE, INFINITELY MORE.

I thought possibly I might read to you tonight part of my own Initial Experience; dropped, exception of having eyes open, to dull the keenest sensual delight = the realization of highest divinity - Nirvanic - 14 months ago. - High Indifference 33 days later - that is man's highest possibility. ...

A certain key to wielding power. Suppose you did have a HEALING POWER, and an emergency came along where it was effective. You have got to get yourself ALOOF, INDIFFERENT. UNCONCERNED. If you are concerned you will kill your own effectiveness. Superficially it sounds profane, but if you are concerned you disturb a BALANCE IN THERE. GET UNCONCERNED WHERE INTERCONSCIOUSNESS IS CONCERNED, as to outcome one way or another, THEN YOU WIELD A POWER that you didn't have before; a power, in kind, a VERY STRANGE POWER. Of course you are not concerned any more when YOU KNOW THAT ALL IS WELL; then you are not concerned with contradictions and paradox. - In other words, you might say: YOU ARE DOING THINGS AS A CASUAL CONSCIOUSNESS. If you get concerned then you drop down into your lower level. A great many of our businessmen, able businessmen, STAND ABOVE.

WHEN YOU GET SERIOUSLY OUT OF THINGS - THEN YOU CAN WORK.

THREE POINTS FAVORABLE TO THE RECOGNITION:

1. DESIRE must be aroused.
2. PURITY - not that it has to be 100%, but it has to be in an effective degree.
3. THE GURU

\* You will notice I am not stressing technical analysis such as used in ... (various) yogas where you use elaborate techniques. I don't make use of those at all. Very, very slight use of affirmation, besides purification in an effort to get at significance. There can be recognition without any stirring up of kundalini in the very highest state. That is where this that is Genani differs from the lower logos. Work first of all toward ... instead of it being the rising Kundalini it is the distinct. After that has once happened then one may use the Kundalini .. It is first, the royal yoke... purification is next ... the preparing of the mind and understanding. The relationship with the Guru, where consciousness can be induced; in other words, the candle will be ignited when the student is ready. I don't make much use of affirmation because there is a tendency if you affirm too much (a certain amount of it can be used to offset the negative that attaches - the sickness (?)); discourage that - face the fact. By too much affirmation one can build a hypnotical state of consciousness, the counterfeit state, which is ... "I am so and so" - those statements may all be true, but simply asserting, asserting, asserting, builds a sort of sphere around oneself into thinking he has gotten it and the recognition of it.

THE RECOGNITION REQUIRES NO SAYING "SO AND SO".  
IT IS THE REALITY.

As long as you have to affirm the LIGHT you DOUBT. I don't say it has no place. Hardly. We use an affirmation at the close of class.

For SELF-INDUCED RECOGNITION, which is ONE-RECOGNITION; the one all-important power is DISCRIMINATION. If you can get the affect of, attain DISCRIMINATION, one might ARRIVE AT IT without anything else.

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I think you already have this lecture.

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The event of Friday a week ago - Recognition. Interpretation quite different from that of psychological study. Correll - Man Unknown - part of human - Dr. Starbuck and Luba (?), having had a glimpse ... interesting to note wide range of experience. Some saw yellow light, some white, this one blue; some had experience of heat simply. Now the objective event was one - one single event in which a number of people entered. They didn't by any means have the same experiences, revealing this fact, that:

THE EXPERIENCE IS DETERMINED BY THE DEGREE OF PREPARATION, OR SENSITIVITY, OR THE DEGREE OF AWAKENING, OR THE LEVEL OF AWAKENING THAT HAS BEEN HAD.

Some awakened to the level of splendid symbols, to see the symbols. Some had a glimpse of Formless Consciousness. To one the symbolic meaning would give one phase; to another it would give another phase of significance. There you have the difference in the individual's perspective from one common event. Something very significant. Some speak of the room as being filled with force. Just where is that field of force? I think it would be a mistake to interpret it as an external field of force. Really,

A FIELD OF FORCE IN AN INNER SPACE - WHICH, WITHIN THE CONSCIOUSNESS BECAME TRANSLATED MORE OR LESS AS IN THE OBJECTIVE SPACE SURROUNDING.

How far could it extend? We cannot exclude the possibilities that there are spheres in our objective sense, so that there will be a strong one and a weak one as you go up to the periphery; for, we have already had communications from California showing that the field developed in connection with this course of classes as a whole has been felt there. The inter-space does not involve the distinct separation of this outer space, and A DEFINITE INNER CORRELATION SET UP ONCE would make RESPONSIVE on the OTHER SIDE OF THE WORLD, AT ONCE. If the inner correlation does seem to demand a relationship once in a relatively small distance in objective space, once established that objective space does not become a separating barrier. These are very interesting copies. Something very simple brings this into an enormously interesting field at once.

Q. Once having had a glimpse of Cosmic Consciousness is the individual liberated there?

A. Once having ENTERED THE HOME OF NIRVANA, and ESTABLISHING ONE'S SELF-IDENTITY ON THAT LEVEL, LIBERATION IS ACHIEVED. If by a glimpse of Cosmic Consciousness we meant that, the answer would be 'yes' but the glimpses one is apt to have ...; if of a very advanced order, would carry to the individual who had it the sense of LIBERATION ITSELF AND AUTHORITY. The glimpses that are less than that are not enough for Liberation. They are on the way.

Accordingly, now I might just say a word on this. What will happen? This is where these GLIMPSES become ENORMOUSLY IMPORTANT, because THERE COMES THE OPPORTUNITY FOR EVERY SOUL TO ACCEPT LIBERATION, IF HE CAN; but practically only those who had a glimpse during the preceding life are in a position where they can. OTHERS WOULD TEND TO FLEE FROM THE GLORY THAT SCARES THEM. Wouldn't know what it was, and the tremendousness would be so great that they would have a TENDENCY TO RUN-AWAY. If the glimpse HAS ONCE COME IN LIFETIME, the CHANCES ARE VERY GREAT that ONE WILL ACCEPT THAT CLEAR LIGHT AND IDENTIFY HIMSELF WITH IT, and IF HE HAS HAD THE REAL NIRVANIC GLIMPSE DURING LIFETIME, THEN, HE IS SAVED.

I am going to break up the evening a little bit on this dictation so it won't be all solidly that. This has to be UNDERSTOOD VERY CLEARLY. This bears upon the INITIATION that is to follow. It is the other half of this work, the classes making up the first half. This that you have been doing has been in effect, a confession to yourself of your guilts, shortcomings, etc. You have been your own father-confessor, and you have come before the bar of your own consciousness and made a frank and full report as far as you could see; at least that is what was intended, and what we hope has been done. Now psychologically, an act of confession does accomplish a great deal. TO SIMPLY ACKNOWLEDGE FAULTS oftentimes RELEASES A PERSON A GREAT DEAL, but, there has been an ACTUAL MOLDING OF THE SUBTLE SUBSTANCE - SUBSTANCE THAT BELONGS TO THE ASTRAL LIGHT. To those of you who know something of the astral light, so that it has become impure, more or less filthy or debased. Now, the SUBSTANCE CANNOT BE DESTROYED. It has taken on a negative character as a result of the impure evil or other tendencies that have been in the personal nature. These actually do build up a sort of racial dweller on the threshold, and make up the darkness that surrounds humanity - SELF-MADE. Factors with which the individual has to RECKON AS INFLUENCES THROUGHOUT HIS LIFE, that following his better judgment he would never do; and, more seriously than that, FACTORS THAT HE HAS TO FACE AFTER DEATH; factors too, that one has to FACE WHEN HE ASPIRES TO THE LIGHT. ALL OF HIS CHILDREN HE HAS TO MEET. Some of those children, being fine, help; some of them, all too many, not fine, ACT AS BARRIERS WHEN HE SEEKS THAT LIGHT IN LIFE.

Initiation really, when it held the symbolic ... is, AN ACTUAL GOING THROUGH, in a greater or less degree, OF THE STEPS THAT ARE MADE AT DEATH. So, this must be reckoned with, that a great many people, the most, the force of that darkness is too great, and they don't reach the LIGHT because they can't separate. (?) The force of that darkness may change so as to act as a kind of filter put before the eye that will make the beautiful and divine seem to be internal, and FOR THAT REASON OFTEN THE SOUL FLEES. IT CANNOT ACCEPT WHAT IS IT'S OWN LIBERATION. So, it becomes necessary to, in as high a degree as possible, clear that filter before the consciousness, when THE DIVINE, THE TRUE, AND THE ETERNAL MAY APPEAR IN ITS TRUE LIGHT AND TRUE GLORY AS THE MOST WORTHWHILE OF ALL THINGS.

This PURIFICATION, when completed, actually TRANSFORMS THE SUBSTANCE THAT HAS BEEN MADE IMPURE. The SUBSTANCE IS NOT AND CANNOT BE DESTROYED, but ITS NATURE AND QUALITY CAN BE CHANGED.

KARMIC GUILT, I.E., SINS, WEAKNESSES, SHORTCOMINGS AND OTHER IMPURITIES OF THE INDIVIDUAL CAN BE CONSUMED BY ONE WHO HAS ATTAINED NIRVANIC CONSCIOUSNESS AND REFUSED TO ENTER IN COMPLETELY.

CORRELATION is IDENTITY WITH IT. Alchemize - this is on a subtle level.. This is a kind of rapport that makes possible the accepting of the guilt of a chela as his own, but in turn the chela has to do something else so that the Law of Balances may be maintained. One of those was: you had to go through this examination daily. Some failed a night and more ... up until the final initiation; and then there is no need of it any more. I tried to make it very specific, but even some who should have known better didn't. You see, we are dealing with really SERIOUS THINGS. Some of these conditions are CATEGORICAL. We are dealing with an action of law. There will be another condition imposed that I will refer to later. Just those two.

Now, in the present Act of Purification

ONLY THE NEGATIVE QUALITIES, THOUGHTS, FEELINGS, ETC.,  
OR THAT WHICH PRODUCES AN IMPURITY SO FAR AS RECOGNIZED  
BY THE CANDIDATE IS TO BE OFFERED UP.

We are not asking you to offer everything, just the NEGATIVE QUALITIES the RUBBISH; as one student put it, THE JUNK. That student also said he didn't feel very good about offering up only this ... Such an individual might be in a position to break through ... Some of you may have been able to dig down into other incarnations, but we are not expecting much of that. The candidate is not asked to offer good qualities. I also WARN YOU, not to feel hesitant about making an offering of rubbish, to hold back because it seems like rubbish. IT SETS UP A BARRIER. Make a clean sweep ... not an iota of substance can be lost.

THIS IS NOT SOMETHING THAT COMES AS A RESULT OF KARMIC DESERT. IT IS REALLY A SUPER-KARMIC OPPORTUNITY.

THIS IS A SERVICE THAT GOES BEYOND ANYTHING THAT THE  
CANDIDATE HAS EARNED, SO, IT IS NO ONE'S DUTY TO OFFER  
THIS SERVICE, OR ANYONE'S RIGHT TO EXPECT IT.

I am looking upon you as SOLDIERS IN THE ARMY OF LIGHT. It is as SOLDIERS TO CARRY ON IN WHAT IS REALLY A VERY GREAT BATTLE. You know the government does things with its soldiers that it doesn't do simply with its average citizens. He receives his clothing, food, free medical attention, a number of other services that the civilian doesn't, because in turn the SOLDIER IS REPRESENTING THE WILL OF THE GOVERNMENT IN THE FIELD OF BATTLE. You in turn are being recruited, and there is a simple SERVICE THAT WILL BE ASKED AS A MINIMUM, BUT WE HOPE THAT YOU WILL VOLUNTEER MORE. We hope that you will be filled with the IMPORTANCE OF THIS CAUSE.

We are FACING THE DAY when the CONCENTRATED FORCES OF DARKNESS may, even in the lifetime of ... WIPE OUT CIVILIZATION. It was even referred to in a recent speech by President Roosevelt. There is a possibility of its being soon, very clearly. We are striking in a fundamental way. We are seeking .. for those that are potential or free .... rare. That's why we go beyond the individual karma. That's why we do in a relatively open way what ordinarily would be done one at a time, and perhaps with great effort to find (my own recollection - accepted by the Masters in the hidden retreats) - and forced himself, by the earnestness of his offer.

NOT OFFERED TO INDIVIDUALS AS INDIVIDUALS, BUT AS  
CARRIERS OF THE CURRENT OF TRUTH TO OTHER PORTIONS  
OF HUMANITY THAT ARE WANDERING IN THE DARKNESS.

Now don't make any mistake; I mean, in this, the soldier reaps a rich reward. THAT CURRENT WHICH HE HIMSELF CARRIES, CARRIES HIM ON TO LIGHT IN A RARE WAY. There is a LAW, that, AS MAN FORGETS HIMSELF IN SUCH A SERVICE, THEN BEST DOES HE SERVE HIMSELF. Again, an example of why 'SUBSTANTIALITY IS INVERSELY PROPORTIONAL TO PONDERABILITY.' I have covered the same fact in a different way in another statement:

THUS, THE CANDIDATE SHOULD NOT REGARD HIMSELF AS A SORT OF CLOSED POOL HAVING AN INLET BUT NO OUTLET, BUT RATHER AS A LAKE, WHICH WHILE IT RECEIVES, ALSO SENDS FORTH ITS WATERS TO OTHER LAKES.

Now you take a lake that receives but doesn't send forth - salty, like our GREAT SALT LAKE - even the water that runs, in time carries enough mineral that ... That applies to human beings when they make themselves closed pools. I use the figure lake instead of stream. A lake is a body of water, stream running in and stream running out, individuality and character. It is a stream with swells that makes lakes - fresh water.

THE PURIFICATION WILL BE EFFECTIVE ONLY WITH RESPECT TO THOSE NEGATIVE QUALITIES THAT THE CANDIDATE WILLS TO OFFER; ONLY THOSE QUALITIES THAT ARE RECOGNIZED. IT IS POSSIBLE TO ASK THAT "UNKNOWN FAILINGS" SHALL BECOME KNOWN.

not seeds of ... but faults that you are manifesting but don't recognize as faults. Others may see them but you don't see them yourself. If you see them you might. The point is that these qualities which can be seen by others should be made manifest to you in their true character. That is a thing that one can do almost prayerfully. In the light of this deep character examination is the opportunity for the RECOGNITION OF FAULTS, to GET AT ONE'S CONSCIOUSNESS. ASK THAT THOSE BARRIERS BE REMOVED. Ask for this of which you are NOT CONSCIOUS TO BECOME CONSCIOUS. The larger the offering the better. A truckload is better than a wheelbarrowful because it is that much more effective and that much more complete. SUCH OPPORTUNITIES MAY NEVER COME AGAIN. Those that are SECRET FROM YOU, of which the onlooker is very conscious - you cannot hide them because you don't know they are there. Persons often walk around the world displaying them.

THE CANDIDATE MAY ASK THAT HIS "UNKNOWN QUALITIES" MAY BECOME CONSCIOUS, SO THAT THEY TOO MAY BECOME TRANSFORMED.

This simply clears the slate up to the moment of Initiation; gives a new start. One has to reckon then with his established bent of character, the habits he has built, the way with which he meets them, but he gives up his responsibility, negativity, that he has carried on his shoulders. IT'S GIVING YOU A BREAK. YOU HAVE TO MAKE USE OF THE BREAK. As far as is OFFERED UP the KARMIC RESPONSIBILITY is REMOVED. That particular chain (my own recollection - Karmic responsibility from this point on) will become transferred (?) after. After death every individual has to - sees this that ... This that is done now removes that process up to that instant. There isn't a person who will not find enough.

THE GUILT SENSE IN THE EXAMINATION, when it is effective, practically, AN INDIVIDUAL BECOMES STRONG. I WANT THAT FEELING BEFOREHAND. After the Initiation it will be entirely negated.

IF THE CANDIDATE HUGS TO HIMSELF NEGATIVE QUALITIES, AND IS UNWILLING TO LET THEM GO, THOUGH HE KNOWS THAT THEY ARE

NEGATIVE, THEN HE PLACES HIMSELF OUTSIDE THE RANGE OF THE PURIFICATION IN ALL RESPECTS; NOT MERELY WITH RESPECT TO THAT ONE POINT, BUT WITH RESPECT TO ALL.

You find a negative quality, not somebody else's judgment, but your own. You are recognizing it as a fault but you say, "I want to indulge this", such as the feeling of a person that drinks alcohol or takes dope. He may say, "I recognize this as a fault, but I want to keep it. I won't give it up." That will make the purification impossible. THERE HAS GOT TO BE THAT "LETTING GO" OF THAT WHICH YOU YOURSELF JUDGED AS NEGATIVE. It is your judgment, and you've got to meet that squarely; no dodging. You are not going before an external judgment, a bar. ABSOLUTE FRANKNESS IS ONLY THING THAT WORKS. IT WORKS POTENTLY.

Using tobacco. Some individuals may find this a barrier, others may not. Purely individual character. The esoteric rule has even explicitly allowed moderate use of tobacco. (?)

PROBLEMS that belong to the GROUP OF THE UNCONSCIOUS may in some cases call for deeper digging. That class call for digging down and getting up something that isn't known, but THE CONSCIOUSNESS MUST WILL TO LET GO SOMETHING THAT IS RECOGNIZED AS A FAULT, and then the PROOF OF EARNESTNESS there is the CONTINUED ATTEMPT TO OVERCOME THE PERSISTENCE OF THE HABIT AFTERWARDS, and that is SOWING THE SEEDS. The effects belong to the gods. Do what you can. It is CONSCIOUSNESS THAT YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR, CONSCIOUSLY; THAT we can TAKE HOLD OF HERE, RIGHT NOW, VOLUNTARILY, every one of us.

POINTS TO WHICH THE PURIFICATION EXTENDS:

- (a) NEGATIVE ETHICAL QUALITIES
- (b) SEEDS OF DISEASE IN THE PHYSICAL BODY
- (c) THE SEEDS TENDING TO PRODUCE MENTAL UNBALANCE

Definite progress on the road to become COMPLETELY CENTERED. You see, this world is an insane asylum, and those <sup>who</sup> are really centered in it APPEAR TO BE QUEER.

This examination is to reveal all qualities of which the candidate does not approve. In all HUMILITY AND SINCERITY, OFFER THEM UP TO THE CHRIST, WITHOUT RESERVATION, as nearly as you can. In this examination there must be no self-exoneration or unwillingness to look at one's own uncleanness. That does take some courage to do, but that is necessary. The questions that were given to you were to help that, and you were to complete them. The next point is to be completed afterwards.

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HAVING RECEIVED THE PURIFICATION IT BECOMES THE DUTY OF THE CANDIDATE TO SEEK AND FIND ONE OTHER SOUL WHO WILL SEEK THE RIGHT OF PURIFICATION.

I have no power to alter this rule. That is absolutely the minimum condition. I couldn't change that if I would. THAT'S THE MINIMUM, so that the person doesn't become a foul-end in himself - carries on the stream. Now you are not in position to go and do likewise, so the

probable opportunity for completing this will be when we come back to Chicago as we plan, in another year. Now see that you have that candidate by that time. There are some four or five million people in Chicago and the vicinity, outlying communities. You ought to be able to find one among those. As many more, yes. Curious gravitate, strangers bound to correlate, bound to get in - has happened; find someone who has wanted this. Taken from actual experience. If you find the rapport, cultivate the contact. Arrange to see them, become a fourth; then you will have a chance to bring him in. Those lines have got to keep on. We START AS A SOURCE. After a few hundred years we will have the ... You see that those lines are not broken. We will have a growing number of lines out, growing out, growing in, and by and by we will have passed the critical point and it will be a thousand or two thousand years hence, and it will begin to SWEEP THIS THING WITH SOME FORCE, and begin to have a MASSIVE EFFECT. We are not planning for the next ten years. We are planning LINES TO LAST. You might say those are the lines thrown out. We hook them in. Keep going on. Now this replaces the usual command GO AND DO LIKEWISE, which you are not in position to do. You have to have the Power. So, you bring them here to us.

THIS ACT OF PURIFICATION MUST BE RECOGNIZED BY THE CANDIDATE AS AN EVENT OF THE UTMOST SOLEMNITY AND SERIOUSNESS. IT CONSTITUTES A MOST IMPORTANT AND SPIRITUALLY VITAL EVENT IN THE PRESENT INCARNATION, AND PROBABLY THE MOST IMPORTANT IN A LONG SERIES OF INCARNATIONS.

Probably a great many will not know until they come to the INITIATION OF DEATH ITSELF the meaning of this, the VALUE OF THE PURIFICATION.

ONE VITAL THING is "GETTING THIS OTHER CANDIDATE. SO LONG AS YOU HUNT IT IS "YOURS BY GRACE" AND WHEN YOU FIND THE CANDIDATE THE BARGAIN IS SEALED.

It is yours as long as you are hunting, seeking; even though you don't do it by next time we come, keep on. Then the benefit of the purification is yours, BUT, IF YOU FAIL TO SEEK,

THEN THERE IS A REBOUND OF NEGATIVE QUALITIES.

FRIENDS. If the friends don't come into the same field, then there will be a growing apart, so, you should bring friends, if they are receptive.

NEGATIVE KARMA. You get a phase of rebound, starting up as a field of tension. In the sense of a HABIT, the RESPONSIBILITY FOR IT - more karmic responsibility will fall back if the bargain is not fulfilled.

Jesus today wields the power of transformation, but merely looking to Jesus doesn't mean that ... We are dealing with law. We are changing the action of the law. You are part of humanity; instead of being merely an individual end-pool; you become then a soldier in the racial heritage power. You are facing the general task of fighting RACIAL DARKNESS, and in turn your individual karma is lifted to this

extent. Skanda tendency - substance itself having been transmuted. By one's old habits, the old Skanda revitalized. IT IS CONDITIONAL, UNTIL THAT ONE IS BROUGHT IN. Keep on hunting for the candidate and BRING HIM IN, SOME TIME.

It is done for the reason of ENTERING IN THE RACIAL CURRENT rather than a purely private field. We are shifting; the ordinary individual is locked in his private karma. When ... takes place in those ranks, facing responsibility of those ranks, wielding resources of those ranks (just require one - the more you can, the better); one ~~who~~ becomes a worker, continuously, for the rest of his days, otherwise you become stagnant.

YOU CAN ALWAYS REFER TO WHAT HAPPENED TO YOU. YOU CAN REFER TO THE PHILOSOPHY, THE PRINCIPLE INVOLVED, BUT THE MATTER OF TECHNIQUE, THAT YOU CANNOT TELL. YOU HAVE NOTED SUCH AND SUCH A RESULT IN OTHERS. SHOW THAT IT IS A DESIRABLE THING, AND, OF COURSE, ANYTHING OF THE PHILOSOPHY AND THOSE WHO ARE HOLDING THE LIGHT. INDICATE THERE IS A PLACE. BUT OF COURSE, THE TECHNIQUE, THAT YOU WILL FACE IN THE INITIATION - THAT IS PRIVATE; THAT IS PRIVATE, IN PERSON.

Sense of responsibility - sense of consciousness - comes from Buddhi. To be lifted into Buddhi in all its vehicles - doesn't mean that he holds his values. Mind has to be trained - another has to be trained, so that the effect would not be lasting. You have got to get that CROSS-CORRELATION.

I couldn't throw myself out and away from the cross-correlation. Those who make special volunteer service to the army may find something more than those who merely meet the minimum requirements; that is, the minimum requirement, the minimum condition. You can win a standing of "good and faithful servant" and further special attention. He must of his own volition strive to support and extend the work. In that way you may force the Power ahead. Three ways suggested - not required - but what you can do over and above:

- (a) TO BRING IN FURTHER CANDIDATES IN ADDITION TO THE ORIGINAL ONE.
- (b) TO AID IN THE MATERIAL AND FINANCIAL SUPPORT OF THIS WORK.
- (c) TO EXTEND THE LIGHT OF UNDERSTANDING WHICH HE ALREADY HAS TO OTHERS WHO ARE MORE IGNORANT THAN HE IS.

If the candidate has come with no negative qualities he is as innocent as a newborn babe, and has divested himself from past experience. In the language of Pilgrim's Progress, "the burden of guilt drops off his shoulders." That actually happens, BUT, one is RESPONSIBLE FOR SEEDS OF GUILT SOWN AFTER. The purification is not a blank check covering the future. It is not an indulgence. There is no such thing. It applies only to the seeds that have sprouted, that have been recognized and offered up.

Now it is very important that the candidate should have full ... This calls for his knowing it. There was a demonstration of the POWERS that are active. If you understand the rational of how a ... transforming alchemic current can actually mold substance over, burn it, transform it into something else - you can see how it is possible in principle.

IT ONLY BECOMES POSSIBLE IN ACTUALITY IN CASE THE ONE  
WHO PERFORMS THE OPERATION HAS CORRELATION WITH THE  
FIRE.

That either is so, or it isn't. If it isn't so, it can't be done.  
If it is so, it can force the Power his way. This was really demonstrated  
Friday night; even more than was required. I want the cooperation of  
your minds in this, because the ELEMENT OF DOUBT sets up, to that extent,  
A BARRIER.

ACTION OF LAW OF PERIODICITY. In empirical states there are dark periods as well as exalted periods. So long as one's consciousness is in the relative world you have got to reckon with that fact. You have got to reckon with the fact that in the dry periods one may doubt what his insight told him in his exalted periods. In all of that there is a test of strength, and with many persons it becomes a stumbling block which may delay them in their unfoldment.

I recommend the taking of notes on the exceptional insight, so you may turn back to them when your insight is not clear. There is something in this objective consciousness that will lead anybody to wonder whether his deepest vision is real. You have seen things in that vision so differently from ordinary consciousness. When you are back in the midst of that ordinary consciousness all of the questioning and doubting that belongs to that is that derived in the mind. It is not a thing to be wondered at because everyone experiences it. One thing is to impress upon your kinds as strongly, as indelibly as possible THAT WHICH YOU HAVE KNOWN AT THE HIGH POINTS OF CONSCIOUSNESS. THEN THE INTELLECT CAN CARRY THE MEMORY, and when the moment of doubt arises the load shortened by an act of will. CUT DOUBT WITH THE SWORD OF SPIRITUAL KNOWLEDGE; and, when it comes to the UNCERTAIN IN POWERS, as for instance, HEALING POWER, or ANY OTHER POWER, if it is ON THE ORDER OF SPIRITUAL POWER, the doubting whether you can do it, will prevent you from doubting what you might have done. I don't know how one can express it - I haven't yet succeeded in analyzing it - that particular CONSCIOUSNESS OF SURENESS.

The mind can simulate something else, which is only an AFFIRMATION or an ASSURANCE. IT'S NOT THE SAME THING. AN AFFIRMATION THAT MAY BE A TRUE REFLECTION OF THE ASSURANCE; It may help. It tends to help, to arouse the STATE OF ASSURANCE. Now, you may regard everyone who is in the stage of being born like being in another kind of womb, the glimpses of another world, as in a state of peculiar delicacy; the assurance not yet having become anchored in the beyond - something is needed; and that is one of the reasons why group activity is so necessary. An individual usually cannot pass through this state alone, but if he is associated with a group of others who are going the same way, his down cycle doesn't synchronize with the down cycle of others, but you get as a result a steady effect.

You make a rule of coming to meetings. You make a rule of certain practices, and carry them through even when you don't want to, and you have a means of carrying yourself over the lesser cycles. Someone else will be strong when someone else is not, and you will be strong when someone else is not. So, I cannot urge too strongly upon faithfulness in your group work in the Assembly; and then when we come back in another year, reinforcing of the impulse can take place. There is a lot of difference in what different individuals receive from this same impulse. An impulse that might mean Formless Consciousness, a glimpse of it, to one, may mean a very different thing to others that are on different stages of receptivity; and then as the individual grows in receptivity and receptiveness, the more consciousness soars, means entirely different values, and finally comes the hour that the individual is awakened on the level of the Primal Consciousness itself.

- One practical thing in connection with group activity: I want to warn against the forming of subordinate cliques within the larger whole. You see you form an entity which is supposed to synchronize through your officers towards the headquarters in California. Now if subordinate groups or cliques form, where there are special understanding with regard to the Assembly work as distinct from the group, you get a breaking up of the element which has a definite effect upon the flow of consciousness. You are all brothers and sisters with respect to each other. It is natural that each individual should find among those those whom it is easier to like than others, but the practice should be to reach as nearly as possible EQUALITY OF REGARD. You may not be entirely successful in that, but the effort should be in that direction, in any work of this kind.

You are all brothers and sisters. Rally around the one that is in the moment of trial, being shaken, or the other - not picking out one especially - any one. THAT'S A VERY IMPORTANT RULE of brotherhood, and furthermore, the brotherhood is really closer than the personal relationships of family ties because it is a SPIRITUAL TIE.

Another important occult rule: Try to be JUST AS HAPPY WHEN ONE OF YOUR BROTHERS WINS SOMETHING FINE, TO BE HAPPY ABOUT IT, as though YOU YOURSELF HAD WON IT. To SUFFER JUST AS MUCH in their losses and suffering as you would in your own. STRIVE TOWARD THAT. If you could DO IT AT ONCE you would go a long way in AN AWFULLY SHORT TIME. What happens then? You build up an INTER-KNIT BODY that is more than merely a number of personalities, but a SPIRITUAL ENTITY - become strings of the wire, WHICH CAN BE PLAYED UPON BY THE HAND OF THE MASTER.

Now there is FEELING that the PERSONALITY HAS, THAT IS GIVING UP SOMETHING IN THAT. Now here is an experience that you have to face. On the other hand, that which we REPLACE, as the something given up, is of VASTLY MORE VALUE. Wouldn't it be better to have values in terms of gold that are shared by all than values in terms of silver that may make you stand out from the others because they have only copper? Do you see? Now it really is better to balance leadership in terms of silver than brotherhood in terms of gold. Then, there is so much to be done that one can afford to forget the personal competition. There is so much of exalted excellence that one can attain that all of that becomes trivial in contrast. You can soar very soon above the levels of common consciousness and you can personally be so taken up with so much work to be done that there is no time to wonder whether you excel the other fellow or not. AND, how are you going to tell? Of course, you can't all play the violin as well as Eugene, or Miss Folcher can, but you may be able to do something else. One may have a part, is conspicuous; another may be a BALANCE WHEEL that is NOT EVEN KNOWN, that makes the conspicuous part successful (?). Who plays the larger part. Who is going to say? Let me tell you, the inconspicuous part looks more attractive. I don't like the limelight. It looked attractive before I got it. it IMPOSES RESTRICTIONS and LIMITS.... so, I wouldn't envy the person who takes the limelight, but be prepared to take it when you are fit. Better back up those who have to take the leadership here, be THANKFUL you don't have to do it. Sooner or later you may have to do it.

Don't belittle your own part because it isn't conspicuous. God has need of every facet. Your facet is just what you really are. It is important that you should be just what you really are, but what you APPEAR TO BE as PERSONALITY may be a DISTORTION OF WHAT YOU REALLY ARE. There may have to BE SOMETHING REMOVED before you really can find yourself. Education or habit may have thrown over you a form which binds or haunts you. CIRCUMSTANCES COME ALONG, and START TO TAKE OFF OUR CHAINS - 'They're all we've got - bemoan the fact' - because someone takes them away, so when you once get into this CURRENT, NOTHING HAPPENS BUT FOR YOUR BEST - SO LONG AS YOU CAN KEEP YOURSELF ALIGNED. It may be disguised. It's not always necessarily comfortable. In fact, WE HUMAN BEINGS NEED A LOT OF DISCOMFORT. Be suspicious of things that are too comfortable. Look around and see. There's more reason to worry when things are too comfortable. It may mean that YOU ARE NOT SUFFICIENTLY IMPORTANT TO AROUSE THE ATTENTION OF THE CHAP WHO BRINGS THE DISCOMFORT. If you do BECOME IMPORTANT ENOUGH to AROUSE HIS ATTENTION, well, THINGS WON'T ALWAYS BE EASY; BUT, THEY WILL BE WORTH WHILE. That is a compliment. When he gives you attention you can take it as a lefthanded compliment.

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Consciousness. The deeper you penetrate with your consciousness the more you see everything as a whole. The higher you go in an airplane the more you see the earth below as a whole, until, if you go high enough, you would see just a little path. All the individual shapes would melt away, no up and down, just something moving. But, YOUR CONSCIOUSNESS CAN RETAIN ALL THAT YOU HAVE SEEN, and ALL THAT YOU HAVE KNOWN. It is the thing you have seen, the thing you have known, the thing you recognize, that becomes YOURSETERNALLY, and so let your CONSCIOUSNESS RISE just like an airplane, and when you get high enough you enter what some people call the Fourth Dimension, and I will always BE WITH YOU in THAT DIMENSION, and SO WILL YOGI.

That expression may be through words, literary; it may be through various arts; it may be in the way of living; but in these cases it is a form of expression - some of the most remarkable forms. Where there is a minimum of expression and light there is an energy field brought into this plane, as in the case of some who spend most of their lives in a state of simody (?) and never say a word. They have taken vows of complete silence, and yet those who may be in the vicinity of those individuals find something happening to them. In India such men are highly valued. There is the case where a transference is achieved with minimum expression. Now we have on the other hand all the vehicles of the literary, artistic or of the life practice of one who moves in action, and I am going to take up some of the characteristics of this cross-translation as I call it.

In translating across, while you always find that there is some element of falsification, yet to a greater or less degree the values are carried through, and those values are something more than the world, something more than the face value. On the INTELLECTUAL LEVEL, the effect on the ILLUMINED MIND tends to be a definite INCREASE of his INTELLECTUAL CAPACITY. His power in whatever direction he has awakened to will be intensified. It has a value of REJUVENATION OF MIND, and an individual who may not have been able to produce material of great value afterwards may produce material that is living testimony - WHITMAN - BALZAC. Balzac wrote something like 20 volumes before illumination; they had no great value. Afterwards he reached his present statute. Those are two striking examples in contrast. Some of the others were not so striking because they were able men before illumination.

Another phase is the moral elevation, change in the character. Now while there are different stages of mystical consciousness, some of which are not lofty at all - man in delirium tremens is not m... at all. When it comes to Cosmic Consciousness in the direction of Christ consciousness, these are part of the effects upon the moral character of the man. These qualities spring up spontaneously. That is not now by discipline, trying to awaken, but includes an expression of the nature. Sympathies may become a love for all creatures; may wish to ameliorate all suffering. In other words, the QUALITY OF BENEVOLENCE, spontaneously felt. That is a marked Christ consciousness. Another characteristic is CALMNESS - not being caught by the sway of opposites. Even though experiencing the play of opposites on essential levels, the man is calm. These are qualities that can manifest in the man without struggle. TENDENCY toward STRENGTH of CHARACTER. Sometimes quite marked.

### IMPORTANCE OF WORK IN THE WORLD-FIELD

The value of the consciousness for those in the world-field who have not realized it, as a result of the work done by those who have: now the record becomes pretty large. First of all, all great religions emanate from such men. All religions are more or less distorted in the hands of lesser men. You have got to distinguish between the men who don't understand, and men who may be actually malicious; but, the great souls in all religious movements of the world are always born with .. Dr. M\_\_\_\_\_, Laotza - they are foremost. Others of the more enduring philosophies - Plato, Vedanta, of Shankara, the most important philosophy of India - the philosophy of Spinoza .....

Most of the Greek philosophies are cases of at least a high degree of mystical consciousness. As you go back in consciousness, go back about 2,000 years ..... they have attributed - Aristotle manifested, wrote on Cosmic Consciousness. Others - Shakespeare, Balzac, Platos Literature and Philosophy, Whitman, Dante. When you have a great scientist like Newton

compared to whom other scientists are merely stars ... suspect something of Cosmic Consciousness. It is not at all unlikely that Einstein should be classed ... read Cosmic Religion by him. He can say a lot in small space - very simple words too. Dead ringer for a Buddhistic insight, without he himself being a student.

Now when the expression is in the form of language we might get some of the characteristics - poetic form very common. There is a tendency when the expression comes from the Cosmic Consciousness, or highly mystical level for it to take the form of rhythm. It is natural, not the rhetorical, artificial writing, decorative. Even the numbers (,) may have a poetic quality, so we call it poetic numbers (?), quite spontaneous. Now there is something carried in the rhythm itself. The rhythm by no means falls into any of the regular forms. In fact, you take poetry that has a regular structure, such and such rhyming, such and such type feet, that is the least likely to be poetry carrying Cosmic Consciousness - mostly blank verse. I think you can see the reason. Very commonly the poetry carries a philosophical meaning, or a finer or symbolical mysticism. Now in what we might call counterfeit mystical states, the kind produced by drugs, you can often note rhythm with practically not any content - Poe, wonderful song there but not so much for quality of meaning; man who depended on drugs and drink.

ENORMOUS INFLUENCE UPON THE READERS. You may read words that you don't understand and yet have them do something to you. I say to students here that it is more important for them to be here than to understand what I say. If you don't quite understand what I mean, maybe this will help ... Ambrosia (from Gr.) actual substance, and at the same time .. wherein the subject and objects are blended; a substance capable of implying, imparting immortality; amrita. Cup - Holy Grail search for immortal life. Symbolism of Lord's Supper refers direct to ambrosia; bread represents the substantial, wine, the fluidic quality. To partake of ambrosia bestows immortality. Descent of the Holy Ghost - spoken of in New Testament. Understanding of the idea is purely suppositary. It is the wine.