

What Jesus Told Me:

A contemporary reading of the Gospel of Thomas.

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Preface

Within this text the author maps the path of Self-mastery from the ancient to the modern. Gouthum shows how to walk the mystics path of self-perfection in today's time. He uses the words of one of the world's most well known prophets as a vehicle for joining the Ancient East with the Modern West.

Although several books have been written which illuminate the text of the Gnostic Gospel of Thomas, most are written by scholars of from didactic points of view. Karadi's text is unique in that it combines both Eastern and Western paths from the point of view of one who has walked them in this lifetime.

Perfect Paradox Vision and Mission

Vision

Perfect Paradox seeks to help people find immortality in every moment of their lives.

Mission

Our mission is to provide tools, treatments, and perspectives which enable people to find their own dreams and achieve them. We deliver these elements through speaking engagements, workshops, publications, multimedia, and the Internet.

Author's Introduction

Why am I writing this book?

I write this in order to share the path of self-realization that I have walked in my life. What started as a child's question of "what lasts forever," became this meandering journey. My hope is that others can read this amalgamation to see the connections between philosophy, religion, and science through the eyes of an ancient prophet and modern seeker.

Who is my audience?

My audience is anyone that this message resonates with. Anyone who is tired of the dogmas of thousands of years ago running his or her lives. People who feel deep inside that something is imbalanced within themselves and society.

What is my message?

My message is that you are your own master. There is only one true type of mastery, and that is self-mastery. Learn the tools from the ancient to the modern in order to remove imbalances within and without. The material and nonmaterial worlds are complementary. Most people only believe in what they can see with their eyes. How many have seen an atom split? Anyone care to argue with an atomic detonation? I thought not.

Caveats

What I write is not absolute truth. That is too vast to be in any book anywhere. What is always so, appears different from different vantage points, so there will be some apparent contradictions. Yet ask someone for the absolute truth of Physics, the physical reality, and they will laugh while sending you to a library of books. Nonphysical sciences are no different. It takes many books to describe the myriad aspects of reality, all take a different perspective. All are beautiful.

At best, words can only approximate reality. This book is really more of a question for you than an answer. Discover your own question, your own ignorance, so you can discover your enlightenment. This work seeks to engender a discussion within you that leads to your own peace in every moment.

Scholarship

Throw out everything you think you know about a given subject before venturing on your quest, otherwise, you will not see what you will find. You will see what you want to see. This is also called “loading the question.” Great examples are poll questions, “Do you believe in separation of church and state?” By definition, Church presupposes organized Christianity. A better question might be, “Do you believe in the separation of religion and government?”

Furthermore the material herein makes the most sense as a whole yet not necessarily all at once. Try to understand each concept as you read it. If it does not apply to you, forget it now and try again later.

Synthesis

This work is a work of synthesis. It integrates wisdom from dozens of schools and sources in both the scientific and spiritual disciplines. There are no footnotes as it is universal wisdom readily available from these many philosophies. If you want to know, send me an email or letter to myself or the publisher. Otherwise, use this text as a guidebook for your own personal journey and research. Remove your ignorance in the same way that all who seek perfection do. Walk the road of self-realization and trust your heart.

My role is really to meet people in person. Yet without telling people who or what I am, they will not be interested. This book seeks to narrow the funnel. Those who I am here to speak to will find me either in a seminar or for personal consultations.

(1) And he said, "Whoever finds the interpretation of these sayings will not experience death."

Eternal Life

This first verse is fairly self-explanatory. It states that the person who can discern the appropriate interpretation will experience eternal life. What is eternal life though? Because modern orthodox religion has monopolized many of the terms used in spiritual discourse, I will redefine them.

What is a Soul

First, eternal life is conscious experience of one's soul. One's core inner being. Analogies describe the relationship between the soul, the mind and the body. They are like the software, hardware, and the electricity for a robot. The software is the programming, or the mind of the robot, the hardware the body. Finally, the soul is the electricity or power source.

The definition of soul stretches the analogy. For the current of the soul, or how much power it has, affects the performance of the body. Also, its color changes the personality of the person. Nonetheless, the easiest way to think of this human experience, is that your soul is eternal, your personality is temporal, and your body is physical.

Reincarnation

In simple terms, *you* last forever, your personality changes with physical incarnation, while, your body changes with the environment. The key point is that you choose a script to live for each trip on this planet. All of the key points are decided upon before being born. Your genes and parents are key aspects that *you* predetermine.

This fact is illustrated by past life regression, and comparisons between those who remember past lives with historical record. There is enough empirical data to allow the possibility for this fact. Here the topic of reincarnation has been broached.

Y'shua, or Jesus, as he is commonly known, knew of this idea through Essene study, and travel through the East. Later thinkers took this lack of stress on the idea to mean unacknowledgement, or downright disagreement. He chose to emphasize the present as he lived in the NOW. The eternal present. He also saw the result of thousands of years of advanced study in this philosophy.

He saw hundreds of thousands of Easterners with no sense of urgency. Individuals who justified their mediocre lives based on the idea that they could go on forever without making the leap to eternal life. More on this later.

(2) Jesus said, "Let him who seeks continue seeking until he finds. When he finds, he will become troubled. When he becomes troubled, he will be astonished, and he will rule over the All."

SELF and Soul

Jesus is talking about the search for the "Self," or, the soul, here. Most of our everyday life is spent trying to be something we are not. This is the source of all discomfort in physical life. We are adjusted to society, but maladjusted to ourselves. For example, many born artists become bankers, for they were told, that this was the "wise" course of action. They may have much money, but little personal wealth.

Monetary wealth does not travel across the physical incarnations. You cannot take it with you. Yet, we spend all of our time investing in this finite corporeal existence. The Master states that when you discover this, you will become troubled. The seeker realizes that whatever he does, he cannot guarantee anything considered valuable in this mortal life.

What exists?

He has no idea when he will die, or whether he will live in poverty or riches. Once he discerns this, it follows that he has been living a lie in order to gather meaningless, and unsure results. This causes anguish, because anything gained is sure to be lost, anything lost may or may not be regained.

The individual searches for an answer to this dilemma. He asks, what can I count on? How can I guarantee happiness. He knows that it is not to be found in finite resources. He knows that he must find something eternal. Something infinite, unchanging, *always the same*. This is the eternal search of all humanity. Some entitle it love, others peace, and others still, oblivion.

The astonishment is that the student realizes that the infinite is possible; that the one thing that he is sure of and is always so, is not empirically provable. The one thing he is sure of is the least definable externally. What am I talking about?

I am describing consciousness. It is the one thing that follows every human being always. You know that you exist. That is the thing that you are sure of. For even if you say or think that you are not sure of your own existence, who said or thought it? If you say that you do not exist, who stated that fact? Regardless of belief or philosophy, you are aware of your existence.

You cannot prove that anyone, or anything for that matter, exists outside of your awareness of it. You can state that you believe that you are reading my book. You may discuss this with another person. But, you may have imagined the other

person or the book. Ask any person in a mental hospital, they are sure of their *own* experiences whether or not they contradict you or society.

You cannot win an argument as to whether you exist or not, for your mind interprets everything that you see. You cannot see yourself, for your brain interprets what you see, you cannot understand yourself, for your mind is used to understand, and it is part of you. So if you understand yourself, you understand everything but your mind. By definition, that is not ALL of you.

(3) Jesus said, "If those who lead you say to you, 'See, the kingdom is in the sky,' then the birds of the sky will precede you. If they say to you, 'It is in the sea,' then the fish will precede you.

Rather, the kingdom is inside of you, and it is outside of you. When you come to know yourselves, then you will become known, and you will realize that it is you who are the sons of the living father. But if you will not know yourselves, you dwell in poverty and it is you who are that poverty."

Kingdom of Heaven

The first part of the verse refers to the irony of projecting the Kingdom of heaven onto some far off place or time. If it is in the sky, then the birds are already ahead of you, as are the fish if it is in the sea. If it is anywhere rather than where you are, someone or something else will precede you.

It also mocks the clergy of Jesus day. They wanted people to believe that heaven, or fulfillment, was at some far off time. As with all institutions, they wanted the lay to believe that the structure was needed to reach salvation, or perfection. Also like all institutions, then and now, its mission was to preserve itself.

This logic leads to the question as to why one would want to believe that "heaven" is some far off place. Because perfection remains distant, the individual can postpone actions towards personal perfection, "Eat drink and be merry for *tomorrow* you shall die." What I tell you, is "Eat drink and be merry, for *today* you shall die." Your own bliss becomes eternal when you reach personal perfection. Some call this state salvation.

Genesis

There are over six genesis myths, all of ancient origin, some older than the one in the King James Bible. Interestingly, the one chosen demeans women in the worst way. It describes the creation of this world as sin, the sin of Adam and Eve, alleged forbears of us all.

The story states that Eve was deceived by a serpent, after which she manipulated Adam. Even worse, the story alleges that neither took responsibility for their actions. Each blamed the other. There are several problems with this story from a purely logical standpoint.

First, what kind of creator would want His or Her children ignorant of the world. Is ignorance bliss, or just ignorance? It is lack of knowledge of duality, or right and wrong, or hot and cold. Doing what is "RIGHT" when ignorant of what is "WRONG," is no paradise. This whole planet is duality. Men and women themselves represent the ultimate duality.

Duality: Divine Masculine and Feminine

Masculine	Feminine
Intellect	Emotion
Fit	Healthy
Sex	Love
Take	Give
Send	Receive
Flow	Ebb
Fight	Dance
Think	Feel
Material	Nonmaterial
Physical	Nonphysical
Repel	Attract
Left	Right
Positive	Negative
Aggressive	Patient

Positive and negative. Yin and Yang. Masculine and Feminine. Attraction and Repulsion. All duality. Here we see that the myth is a metaphor for manifestation-the creation of a physical world which reflects the spiritual. Some refer to God as the ultimate masculine, as thought and conceptualization. In this model, the feminine, Heavenly Mother, is experience, or physical manifestation.

Together, masculine and feminine form the core of this universe from Earth's point of view. The dual polarities follow from the tiniest atomic particle to the largest stars. Our bodies even have poles, from the bilateral symmetry of our physical form down to the cellular level.

So the myth is figurative for our universe. In the popularized Christian version, the sin of disobedience creates knowledge within the minds of humanity's progenitors. As a result, all children are born in "sin." In mainstream Catholicism, this meant that Jesus redeemed these sinful children who must express gratitude for his sacrifice.

Karma

His sacrifice can be thought of as a method of fulfilling the laws of balance. Or of Karma, which means, "action," in Sanskrit. The law states, like Newton's law of thermodynamics, for each action there is an equal and opposite reaction. Thus, whenever we "act" in this world, we are assured results. Not only the immediate effect of our work, but the cosmic return on our investment.

This return may take place immediately, or in the future. According to the ancient masters, our current life is the result of the desires and actions of our previous one. It often contains effects of earlier incarnations as well. These seeds do not always find the conditions ripe for fruition. Furthermore, the law is not an eye for an eye.

An Eye for an Eye

Bob is extremely sensitive, and beats up his younger brother. In the future he receives harsh words from his cousin. Jennifer is incredibly insensitive, and abuses her younger sister, she may be abused by her mother in the future. These two examples illustrate that your state of mind affects the return on your investment. Balance does not dictate an arithmetic calculation. In other words, Karma does not mean “eye for an eye,” or retributive justice.

A man who kills a rapist who murdered his daughter would not be receiving justice if he were in turn murdered by the state through capital punishment. The circumstances of the father’s action are not parallel to the actions of the rapist. A better example would be that the rapist might be raped in prison and suffocated by his parents in the next existence. Regardless of whether you killed in self defense, you receive the results of your action. The father still receives the returns in the future as well. He may die on the battlefield as a soldier. Anyone one who earns a positive or negative balance on Earth must cash it here on this plane.

Either way, the balance is always met. Jesus did not stress reincarnation as his message was for His eternal NOW. He taught a method for breaking the karmic cycle in one incarnation.

Yet I digress. His purpose was never to redeem anyone from Original Sin. The idea that the method of joining positive and negative in the human form is Sin, is ludicrous. Let us examine the myth from more points of view rather than from the prejudices of two thousand years ago.

Ignorance of Good and Evil

First, the King James Bible states that Yaweh, the Hebrew God, sought to keep his children ignorant in a perfect garden. From basic logic we can discern that one who is ignorant of wrong and does the right thing has done nothing. Yet in reality, according to this myth, there was no good or evil in the garden.

For without evil, good cannot exist. Without hot, there can never be cold. In reality, one can never know comfort without experiencing discomfort. It is just the state of being. When one is unaware of so called wrong, one can never be called a doer of right. One has made no choice whatsoever. In the same way that

a child knows no morality, a parent will not prosecute a baby for theft. The infant knows no wrong; and NO RIGHT either for that matter!

Further Genesis Contradictions

In the popular cannon, neither do the first parents. Yet their God wants them to remain that way? What kind of parent wants his children to remain ignorant to the universe? One who does the right thing in the absence of wrong has chosen nothing. A person who abstains from alcohol without ever knowing its effects shows no temperance or austerity. A monk who has never had sex, denies nothing.

In one of the other versions of Genesis, Eve is the wise one. A false God has captured spirits in the body. He wants to enslave them, so he attempts to keep them ignorant. Jesus descends as a serpent to teach the children. Adam obediently ignores Satan's, aka Jesus', pleas. Hence Jesus goes to Eve.

She recognizes the soul of Jesus immediately and partakes of the fruit of the tree of knowledge. Thus she recognizes the false Yaweh and convinces Adam to partake as well. In revenge, this God curses the serpent, and casts the couple out into his material world to fend for itself.

Slavery or Liberty

These two competing parables show some philosophies present in all religions. Those of obedience, or slavery, and those freedom, or liberty. The mass produced religion is for slavery; the origin of the Hebrews. It teaches to do what you are told until you go to heaven where another commands you. Jesus was crucified for his original teachings of liberty. This illumination of the Gospel of Thomas will show that Jesus was crucified for being a rebel, not for being the father of another group of slave drivers.

The church wishes to command you now, it cares not what you do when you leave. That is your business. It cares about your body which it commands, not your soul over which it has no power. It cares about your actions in this life, where it exists, not the imagined one to come, in which it does not exist; *even by its own admission!*

Heaven Within

Rather, the kingdom is inside of you, and it is outside of you. When you come to know yourselves, then you will become known, and you will realize that it is you who are the sons of the living father. But if you will not know yourselves, you dwell in poverty and it is you who are that poverty."

Here, the man of Galilee tells people where to find heaven. He says that it is inside you *and* outside you. What does that mean? On the most basic level, it means that it is all around. It is everywhere. Remember how we mentioned earlier that all humanity seeks something that lasts forever. Something that is always so.

This thing that is always so, what is it? Let us describe some characteristics:

Is it so now? Is it so later? Is it so in the past? Yes to all three, so it is timeless. Are there places where it is not so? No, so it is without limit, limitless.

These are questions addressed in Vedanta, or ancient Upanisads. They state that the Truth is without limitation, hence it is the Infinite or Absolute. It must always be so without relativity. That is what the human spirit seeks. If your Truth has a physical form, there are places where it cannot exist. If your truth is a man, he cannot exist at the bottom of the ocean.

Infinity as Truth

If your truth is words, then the deaf cannot hear it. So it is not true for them. If it is light, it does not exist in darkness, so it is not true there. Thus, the truth must include ALL. The only thing which includes everything, is the Infinite. Some do not believe it exists. If everything is limited, add them all up. What you have is the infinite. You prove its existence when trying to do the opposite.

This is the within and without. Truth exists within and without. This concept seems dead to many seekers. How can one enjoy a heaven which is just a concept? Details might help. It is limitless, and timeless. Sound good so far?

Heaven on Earth

Most concepts of heaven include a "perfect world," described in terms of Earth. There is no need to go anywhere else if all you want to do is experience a perfect Earth. It is here around you. Remember the rule, "ask and ye shall receive." This means that if you do not get something you did not ask for it.

It also implies that you asked for what you have. Thus, the Earth consists of everyone getting exactly what they asked for. So what you must ask yourself, is

“Why did I ask for this?” This concept is unacceptable to most, for they do not want to take responsibility for what they have.

People wish to remain victims. They want to blame someone or something else for their circumstances. Yet, if God is good, then all that He creates must be as such. For if it does not exist in the prime creator, it cannot exist in the created. Where could it come from?

Creator as Infinte

The Creator was first, and anything created must have come from it. For something can never come from nothing. This is shown throughout the universe. Even the Big Bang theory presupposes that something existed. This something can be called God, or the Prime Mover, whatever you wish to call it.

Religion is the philosophy of living. Any religion that teaches you to “live,” for “dying,” is self-contradictory. If you live for another day you are never living. For today is the only time that exists. The past is gone, and tomorrow does not exist yet. These collections of rules that talk about a future time miss the living one, or any Christ that comes around. Any Kristos, Krishna, or Buddha is missed for this future time or place that does not exist.

When you come to know yourselves, then you will become known, and you will realize that it is you who are the sons of the living father. But if you will not know yourselves, you dwell in poverty and it is you who are that poverty."

The question then comes, how does one come to know the truth, or that which is forever? Jesus says, by knowing yourself. That once you know yourself, all is known. How can this be?

Indra's Net

There is a parable in the ancient Upanisads that states that the universe is Indra's net. Indra is a manifestation of a principle of the Creator, or of creation. Cosmic principles are often identified as “Gods.”

This God has a net which represents the universe, a net of pearls. Think of every pearl reflecting every other pearl. To know one is to know all, for if you magnify one, you will see the reflection of each other. Each other reflects another, and so on to infinity.

Know One, Know All

You are one of these pearls. If you know yourself you will know the all. You reflect your parents and the genes of all humanity, you reflect the weather of planet Earth, which reflects the sun. The sun reflects the rest of the solar system and the Milky Way Galaxy, etc. Once you know yourself, you are Known by all, for all reflects you and you reflect the all.

Then you become a “son of the living father.” But what is that? The living father is the universe, or the prime creator of the universe, the universal energy. The son reflects the Father. Once you know yourself, you reflect ALL of God, or the universe. This is what Jesus meant when he said that he is the father, the father is in him.

Finally, this verse mentions the risk of not becoming self aware, or awakened.

Riches and Poverty

“But if you will not know yourselves, you dwell in poverty and it is you who are that poverty.”

You dwell in poverty, or without richness. Here, the definition of riches needs to be addressed. When you die, everyone admits, you do not take your monetary wealth with you, wherever you may go. This is evidenced by the fact that your gold stays here.

What riches do go? Do facts and figures go with you? If you reincarnate, no, not exactly. You bring the experience. That is how a child prodigy is born. He brings the wisdom of music as a Mozart. He learns to play it before five years old, for he already has the wisdom of music, of its beauty. He already recognizes it on first hearing, for he has learned it before.

Think of your soul as a symphony. If you quiet your mind and hear it, you will recognize it always. You will never have to relearn it. It will be self evident in all times and places.

This is what knowledge of the self is, it is wisdom of yourself. It is experience of your true nature. Once you know you, you need not know anything else. If you know how your eyes, mind, or ears work, you need not ever interpret what you see or hear or think, you just know it.

How Does One Know?

Hypothesize that I pinch you. How do you know it hurt? You just KNOW. Exactly, true knowledge is inherent. When you learn to read yourself as such, you have timeless wisdom. It applies to you, and YOU always go with you. In other words, you have awareness of that which always IS.

When you walk, do you remember using every pair of counter balancing muscles? No, not since you were a child. Well, we are no longer spiritual children, we need not consciously think of all of our senses anymore. They are ready to become unconscious. One uses experience of the self to gain this ability. Without the richness of your own song, you are born with nothing. You dwell in poverty, for you have nothing that you can retain. You must learn all anew.

(4) Jesus said, "The man old in days will not hesitate to ask a small child seven days old about the place of life, and he will live. For many who are first will become last, and they will become one and the same."

When discussing philosophy, paradox often seems the rule. Yet the point at which all things meet is by definition contradictory. At what point does water become ice? There exists a moment where existence is both positive and negative, where plus and minus flirt.

Even though this verse captures this paradoxical quality, we can enlighten it with a little discussion. First, why might an old man ask a child about the "place" of life? Here we see one of the many references that Jesus makes to a child. One often hears of Jesus saying that those *like* children will enter into the Kingdom of Heaven.

Like a Child: Without Prejudice

He does not mean those who wear diapers and defecate upon themselves. He means without prejudice. A child looks upon all things as new. This lack of preconceptions allows the child to see what really exists. If we see what we think is there, then we shall never see what is really there.

A man had a very beautiful wife. She inspired longing in every male whose eyes fell upon her. Due to his nature, the husband worried about her faithfulness. Constantly he would find reasons to check upon her behavior. He would randomly come home from work to get his lunch or wallet, which he "forgot."

One day, he came home and saw a truck out front. When he entered the home, he saw clothing all over the floor. It was dirty male clothing without a doubt. In the background he heard the unmistakable sounds of one showering. His fears led him into the couple's living area within the house.

Once within, he found female clothing strewn everywhere. When he found his wife in the bathroom cleaning herself, he exploded. He condemned her for committing adultery. No matter her pleas, he got louder and louder. Eventually in a fit of rage, he hit her. The strength of the blow in his anger crushed her delicate skull.

When the police came, they arrested him immediately, in his heartbreak he confessed to striking his whoring wife. At this point the officers explained that his landscaper had cut himself with a chainsaw. That the husband's dead spouse saved the worker's life by staunching the blood flow and calling for help.

At this point the husband noticed that the clothing was stained with blood, not just dirt. The horror of his action was inescapable. Like Othello in Shakespeare, his paranoia destroyed his perfect marriage. Prejudices kill.

In the anecdote above, one graphically sees the result of one's fears. They cause us to mistake reality for fantasy. A child has no fear of adultery; it is unacquainted with the very idea. Jesus is not saying that we should become ignorant like the child. It is impossible to return to that state of inexperience without Alzheimer's disease, or rebirth. Anyone who knows this disease will not call it enlightenment, and no one wants to die.

Consciously Unconscious

So what is the Master saying? He means that once we have experienced life, that we need to consciously let go of our fears and desires. Then, when we encounter a situation we will see it for what it is. There is no need to preconceive all of these situations. Our experience will serve us as we need it.

Therefore, an old man will ask a child, how does one live? By learning from the child, the man will know life. It is interesting that humans hurry to "grow up," only to lament the loss of childhood.

Jesus said, "The man old in days will not hesitate to ask a small child seven days old about the place of life, and he will live. For many who are first will become last, and they will become one and the same."

This old man who was born first now becomes the last to experience the life nascent in the child. Now the two become "one and the same." The child already has "life," as it lives in the moment. The aged one now learns to live in the now by being unconscious.

Yet unlike the child, the old man still has his experiences. He has become consciously unconscious versus unconsciously unconscious. The first has become last. The firstborn has become the last to experience eternal life,

(5) Jesus said, "Recognize what is in your sight, and that which is hidden from you will become plain to you. For there is nothing hidden which will not become manifest."

You don't Say?

If you see what is in front of you, what you do not see will become apparent. Hmmmm. Paradox again, what a surprise. Truly this is not, it just appears as such. Another parallel, you may recognize:

"You learn as much from what people say as from what they don't say."

A child breaks a lamp. When you come home, you see that the lamp is shattered, you ask what happened. He responds, "Someone broke it." The child has told you that he broke the lamp.

1. You know that he was here alone
2. He has not told you who or what broke it
3. You infer that it was him

By seeing the broken lamp and observing what has been spoken, you know what has not been said, or seen by you.

This example has limits and is fairly literal. The figurative example tells you much more. Humans forever live in the past and the future. This allows them to feel whatever they want. For example, the man who has murdered his seemingly adulterous wife feels remorse upon discovery of his error.

Rationalization

Yet this feeling often fails to solidify into contrition. For as soon as he feels responsibility, the husband begins his retreats into the past and the future. He starts to explain how he could not know that she was not cheating. That she should have cleaned up the house first. That "She should have <blank>."

Then come the trips into the future. The man imagines that the judge will understand, the judge will see the wife's beauty and understand that there was no way that the man could have known. Then come the embellishments. She actually *did* cheat. She slept with the man first! Yeah, that way the husband is not responsible for anything in his own mind.

Watch any trial today, and you will experience a great lack of remorse, much less contrition. When one is contrite, the person feels so sorry for his or her action, that the person is ALWAYS sorry for that action. Not that the person remains in

that moment forever, that is depression. The person recognizes the behavior for what it was and experiences a remorse whenever remembering it.

So this failure to live in the present handicaps humanity's ability to see the present reality. Psychics forever talk about the past and the future. Few speak of the present. That is the key to seeing the past or future, what is hidden. If one sees what is going on now, one can always see the past and the future, for they are just reflections of the present. The past created the present, and the present creates the future. See what is happening now and you have the key to what is hidden.

Uncertainty Principle

Yet this verse has deeper meaning still. Remember that every object present reflects every other object. In physics we call this the Uncertainty Principle:

“One cannot simultaneously know the exact velocity of a particle and its position.”

Once we decide to measure something, we affect our measurements of it. Thus, the subject, the measurers, affect the objects, that which we are measuring. This can be stated simply as, “The subject affects the object.”

Medical science has further elaborated this idea. Our eye has an optic nerve which goes to the prenatal cortex, then back to the eye before going to the vision center in the brain. Please disregard the terminology I use here. I have no desire to complicate our discussion of philosophy with more esoteric terms than necessary.

The important point here is that our eye goes to our brain and back before going to the interpretation center of our brain. All of our senses mirror these redundant and unnecessary connections. But they are only unnecessary if our senses are not affected by our thoughts.

Since they are affected, the connections now become meaningful. *Our thoughts change what we see, hear, taste, smell, or touch!!* The subject, our personality, affects the object, anything we perceive as “outside” of ourselves. This statement begs many questions, of which we will focus here, on only a few:

1. What is an object?
2. What is a subject?
3. What is inside of us?
4. What is outside of us?

What am I?

These questions really filter down into one question, “What am I?” This is the true variant of the old, “Who am I?” query. Using the term “who” ties you to personhood, or humanity; which already limits the discussion to society as a whole. You exist inside AND outside of the conventions of society, so you are a what.

What are you? Lets do an experiment:

If I remove your sight, are you still you?

Yes, blind.

If I remove your hearing are you still you?

Yes, blind and deaf.

What about your sense of smell and taste?

Yes.

Finally I remove your sense of touch. What are you?

You are the thoughts of your brain, the medical scientist would say.

But how do you know that you are the thoughts of your brain?

You have no senses with which to perceive your brain or any fluids whatsoever.

These definitions come from your other senses which are now nonexistent.

We Are Consciousness

You are consciousness. Why the difference between consciousness and thoughts? For what about when you are thinking of nothing in particular. What about when you reach the Samadhi or Zen state? This is consciousness alone, often called bliss. We will discuss this state more later.

So, you are consciousness. Nice to meet you consciousness.

This consciousness is the subject, or, *you*. You are the subject, anything you use your five senses to perceive is an object. Without the senses, though, we realize that there is no object. Some may argue that this negates nothing, that the object still exists. Luckily for us they have no way of arguing without mouths or ears.

Objective and Subjective Sciences

A quick discussion of science serves us here. There is objective traditional science, and subjective nontraditional science. Chemistry falls into the former, and religion falls into the latter. The first seeks to describe what is “outside,” and the second, what is “inside.” Both involve applying the scientific method of scholarship to an area of investigation.

Here most religion has been co-opted by slavers or political scientists. They seek to make some conduct as impermissible before the discussion begins. One cannot discover the truth if he or she eliminates possibilities from the discussion before the results are in. True scholarship eliminates zero possibilities before discussion begins.

When the Roman Catholics eliminated the idea that the Earth revolved around the sun from discussion, European scientists were hamstrung. Eventually Galileo and others after had the courage to challenge this methodology in Western Europe. Ironically, Europeans knew of this information prior to the domination of this repressive church.

Now, religious scientists presuppose morality before focusing on consciousness. They mandate that right and wrong exist before examining humanity and by proxy, their visions of the universe. True scientific discussion requires that we drop all preconceptions, "like a little child."

I am consciousness. You are the same. What separates us? That is the key question to the distinctions of "inside," and "outside." Or as social psychologists often say, "in group," and "out group." These two delineations cause much of the horrors in the world. Think of the groups of Nazis and Jews. It would serve us well to remove these artificial boundaries, for a more inclusive boundary can always be chosen. Try humanity. We are all humans. Although this division eliminates other animals, we can rectify that grouping with the large domain, of all animals.

I use the above examples to illustrate the rapid ability with which we can easily see all objects as logically interrelated, as one group. Physically, I am a collection of atoms, as is anyone or anything else. More interestingly, you are a collection of space. The majority of any atom is comprised of space. The gap between the nucleus and the orbiting electrons is so vast as to allow the entire matter of one individual to fit into a thimble!

We Are All One

That is right, your entire mass without space fits into barely a cubic inch. It gets better. Between myself and the person sitting next to me, there is nothing but atoms and space. If you compress the space once again, you find that there is *nothing* between us! Two apparently *separate* persons are not really distinct at all.

The only distinguishing characteristic is our consciousness. I am unaware of all of the other's thoughts, and she of mine. Yet does lack of awareness mean separation? For example, the majority lives unconscious of even its *own* thoughts. Does that mean that we are separate from our thoughts?

Remember the example of the human with no external senses. Can his or her thoughts reside outside of his or her self? Nope. We are not separate from each other, though we imagine that we are. This idea causes extreme discomfort to most people. It is not necessary to contemplate this idea directly at the beginning of the path to personal perfection; though its import arises everywhere.

Once you see that you are truly connected with everyone else, either through consciousness, or physicality, your loneliness can subside. You are never alone. Or, you are one consciousness so alone, that you created an imaginary world to entertain yourself. Make your choice. Just know that at different times your feelings may change with respect to this choice.

Our discussion has described several concepts. We rediscovered the idea of internal and external science, or science of the Subject and Object irrespectively. We described consciousness as the only common theme through all of our lives. And, we made clear that there is no real separation between one so called group and another. We are all part of one Universe.

These ideas hint that if we know ourselves completely we can derive everything else in this universe of many forms. All that is required is to know one thing completely. Then we can experience everything tangent to it, and by proxy, know everything.

"Recognize what is in your sight, and that which is hidden from you will become plain to you. For there is nothing hidden which will not become manifest."

Faith: Follow the Yellow Brick Road

Finally we have the idea that all that is hidden will become manifest. Our faith is buttressed by this statement. Fredrick Myers once said, “Faith is resolution to stand or fall by the noblest hypothesis.” It is not blind obedience. That is the role of the slave: One who always searches for someone or something *outside of himself* to tell him what to do.

Faith is like a man on a road. He sees a brick road leading to a mountaintop. Along his sight, he sees the road dip in and out of view before finally emerging upon the crest of the mountaintop. Faith is knowing that the road you walked in on is the road you walk out on.

When he follows the path it leads into steep valleys. While in one of these, it feels like a pit, for the walls are sheer. Faith tells him that the road he is on is the path that leads out. He can commence many loops while in the valley, but the only way to know if his original road is the correct one is to complete it.

In the Army I was in the Light Infantry. It is the most faithful job. You rely on your mates to take care of you, and yourself to fulfill your role. You carry everything you need to fight, and everything you need to get back home. You walk in, and damn it, you are going to walk out! Nothing will stop you. This is faith.

Great commanders always write about the strength of an Army being in its will to fight. Not in its technology or savvy, but sheer commitment. Vietnam and Ho Chi Minh taught this to the USA – a lesson being repeated in Iraq.

Regardless, you are now in the battle of your lives. Do you have the faith to struggle your way out of darkness into the light, or will you choose the comfortable lies of darkness? Can you question all that you have hitherto known, or will you shy from the task? You birthed your way into this world. Will you *live* your way out, or, will you *die*, only to return again?

(6) His disciples questioned him and said to him, "Do you want us to fast? How shall we pray? Shall we give alms? What diet shall we observe?" Jesus said, "Do not tell lies, and do not do what you hate, for all things are plain in the sight of heaven. For nothing hidden will not become manifest, and nothing covered will remain without being uncovered."

The disciples forever ask their master how to behave. They never seem to tire of asking specific questions, while the enlightened often answer in broad aphorisms. Knowing that their time with those trapped in past and future is short, the buddhas try to offer succinct wisdom with broad application.

They ask Jesus whether they should fast and pray and give alms. Rather than answer about the letter of Mosaic law, the Hebrew sage states that they should neither lie, nor do what they hate. In other words, they ought not to behave hypocritically. To underscore this, he adds that all that is hidden will become plain.

He implies that they are searching for more rules to ensure right conduct. Instead of more rules, he declares that they need not follow more laws. They only need to be consistent internally and externally. Integrity of thought, word, and deed.

I say it more succinctly in modern terms:

"If you want to hide something, tell it to everyone. If you want to tell everyone something, hide it." This method keeps one honest. It ensures that you will always be consistent internally and externally. It is the highest practice of Truth. This methodology is not a permanent state of mind, but a tool for realization of your perfect self. You will know when you are done, as you will not have to ask anyone. If you still have to ask, keep using your tools.

(7) Jesus said, "Blessed is the lion which becomes man when consumed by man; and cursed is the man whom the lion consumes, and the lion becomes man."

Jesus is a revolutionary.

His philosophy contradicted everything that his *contemporary* Hebrew fathers taught before him. They taught a dualistic "eye for an eye." This lamb fulfills that natural complement to this law with "turn the other cheek." Turning the other cheek balances this arithmetic.

Establishment in the Hebrew tributary to Rome feared this master's message. His philosophy taught that an individual found heaven within and without, not in the empty promises of some dictatorial religion. Religious leaders feared his decentralization of their power.

What is a Prophet

A prophet of God, is one who takes the experience of the infinite truth and puts it into the words of the day. He or she takes the infinite and packages it into the finite. Although this is impossible, the words draw listeners closer to the feeling of fulfillment, to the experience of God, of bliss.

These prophets take away the power of the business based establishment and return it to the people. Once the prophets are gone from temporal reality, political and business leaders package the words back into a master slave relationship.

They form a monopoly on truth so to speak. Thus the people once again turn to the same authorities as before. They are trapped once again believing that they are too lowly to experience infinite truth and bliss.

Ironically that may be true. But if they cannot discern this for themselves, they cannot discern the truth of those attempting to explain it to them. If one cannot understand the words of an enlightened soul, he or she cannot determine the truth of one seeking to explain it.

The listeners use the same mind, ears and heart to read the closest words to the prophet. If this mind cannot reason through those words, this intellect cannot reason through the so called intermediaries. *The difference between what I write and what most priest-class write, is that I have walked the path and I only speak of what I know personally.*

I am not here to persuade you to listen and understand. If you do not feel the burning fire of truth when I speak, find your truth somewhere else. If you cannot see the color red, and I use red ink for my words, you will not see them.

Yet if you see blue, and someone else utilizes blue ink, you will see. Think of sounds as well. If I speak in the pitch of the dog's ear, you will hear not, unless you are a dog. When I use the wavelengths of sound tuned to human ears, the people may hear. Numerous examples of this analogy may be found.

Moneychangers

The lion of this parable, is the lion of religious institutions. This is the context of Rome and Israel at this time. Priests, or businessmen cloaked in philosophy, monopolized enlightenment. They charged money to receive the gifts of liberty.

Unlike true masters though, you had to keep paying for the bliss. A master gives the tools to create one's own bliss. That is why Jesus speaks of teaching fishing rather than giving fish. Those who ask for fish he gives fish. Those who ask for self-sufficiency are taught fishing. Everyone knows that the fish did not jump into the Master's basket. Some choose to learn fishing from him, and others just want the fish.

"Blessed is the lion which becomes man when consumed by man; and cursed is the man whom the lion consumes, and the lion becomes man."

So the when the people consume the lion, the institution of spiritual slavery, they are blessed, for they receive the fruits that were withheld. They receive spiritual bliss. The man who is enslaved by institutional religion is cursed, for the wealth goes to the institution instead of its members.

(8) And he said, "The man is like a wise fisherman who cast his net into the sea and drew it up from the sea full of small fish. Among them the wise fisherman found a fine large fish. He threw all the small fish back into the sea and chose the large fish without difficulty. Whoever has ears to hear, let him hear."

The man who consumes the slavers is like he who fishes with the power of discernment. He knows instinctively which are the profitable fish-which will fill his belly, and which will leave him hungry. No school is required to teach that fishermen how to fish. He has only to listen to his belly. It tells him without equivocation what fulfills.

We find the same thing with truth. If a man listens to his core, he knows what rings true for himself. No institution is needed. Again, if he cannot understand the act of fishing directly, no indirect method will serve. He must listen and employ, then compare the feelings from each situation. This is how he will know.

Above, it is again made clear that Jesus is speaking to the listener who has ears for his truth. He is speaking to the ones who are able to experience his wavelength.

A note is important here. All men know that fish do not miraculously jump into boats. Some want to learn to fish and others want to be fished for by a benevolent master. The universe ALWAYS gives us what we ask for.

(9) Jesus said, "Now the sower went out, took a handful (of seeds), and scattered them. Some fell on the road; the birds came and gathered them up. Others fell on the rock, did not take root in the soil, and did not produce ears. And others fell on thorns; they choked the seed(s) and worms ate them. And others fell on the good soil and it produced good fruit: it bore sixty per measure and a hundred and twenty per measure."

The Mustard Seed the Upanisads and Vedanta

In many of the world's ancient scriptures, you will find the above analogy. It likens the truth to a seed. A seed has all of the characteristics of the plant which produced it. In the Upanishads of Ancient India, they speak of the Mustard seed. It has the potential to create a great tree from the tiniest of seeds. This scripture predates Jesus by thousands of years. Yet the Hebrews forgot of its existence before their own master walked the path to remind them. Yet when he came, they crucified him.

His teachings were a rebellion to them. To preserve their chokehold on the people they had to destroy him. But one can never demolish a living master, the master lives forever in the NOW. Nothing will ever eliminate the existence of an eternal being, as evidenced by the mark these words have made in our times.

Seed metaphors encompass a variety of meanings. All seeds are exact copies of their parent components. They include all of the traits of the parents, including often dormant traits as well. Offspring of this sort needs specific conditions to sprout and possibly grow into mature adults.

Depending upon the stimulus in its environment, the sprouted seed will exhibit varying characteristics. In a rich environment, the offspring may become gluttonous. In a sparse one, weak and undernourished. A perfect place has the right mix of challenge and reward.

The Gift of Adversity

Our current philosophies encourage the idea that the perfect environment includes little to no hardships. These adversities are often used as tools to victimize one's self. For example, my single parent household is considered a drawback by most. Few would honestly call it a gift.

These adversities serve to encourage growth and development, including resilience. My childhood had many crude factors balanced by graceful ones. I had little to no family and culture as the child of an East Indian divorcee. We were spurned by our own culture which blamed my mother for her divorce.

When I was young this broken marriage often rendered my father absent. I had an older brother who tormented me while teaching me everything I needed to know about manipulating and breaking rules. Mom moved into a place where I was the only sand-nigger, and left to founder in a mediocre environment. Counter these challenges with large monetary resources and a broad education in the fundamentals of reading, mathematics, music, and athletics.

This quick tour of my childhood shows both risks and rewards. I was two months premature, diagnosed with minimum brain dysfunction and organic difficulties due to my tiny birth weight. The risk I had was prison, drug addiction, depression, and suicide. The rewards manifest in where I am today; a successful soldier, consultant, sannyasi, father, and scholar.

Key to my path was alienation and loneliness. I walked my path alone for most of my years. My mother worked all the time and my brother went in and out of hospitals, jail and treatment, after which he disappeared. We call this “Jails, Institutions and Death” in twelve step programs, I never had girlfriends and few friends. Eventually my pain led me to treatments, reform school and finally the US Army’s combat arms.

The path I chose hardened my resolve and strengthened my innate courage and sense of justice. I know what I know because I have walked the road through the same paths that everyone else must trod. I earn the wisdom worthy of those who ask it by trodding the dark road. We are all in this together, all seeds of the divine creator manifesting differing aspects of a unified whole. At any given NOW, these offspring appear different. Yet in the infinity of all time though, all qualities manifest everywhere.

“Some fell on the road; the birds came and gathered them up. Others fell on the rock, did not take root in the soil, and did not produce ears. And others fell on thorns; they choked the seed(s) and worms ate them. And others fell on the good soil and it produced good fruit: it bore sixty per measure and a hundred and twenty per measure.”

Some fell on the road only to be gathered by scavengers. On the path to perfection, some fall where they lay in the road. They are not wasted, but used to feed other travelers. Because we all live forever and experience all that we ask for, this is no loss. It is an opportunity to know for ourselves, what IS.

Think of those great souls who arrive near the end of the path of perfection and take a detour. The Hitlers. They use the gifts they have learned in the eternities to manipulate, and drive, feeding their egos and reversing their long treks. Their failures feed those of us on the path behind them. This food inspires us to stay true to our goal of perfection.

Others land on the rocks along the path. These souls cannot find purchase in the soil. They wither and die without every taking root. Their messages lost into the ether, heard only by themselves and God. Yet never *unheard*.

Then there are those whose messages are lost amid the thorny ignorance of slavers. These are the prophets, like Joseph Smith of the Latter Day Saints. They speak a message of wonders lost first amid those in power, then co-opted by those who would use it for institutional gain. Like nuts, they are eaten by foragers.

Finally there are those messages which find purchase. They grow into eternal trees, continually being rebirthed into each other. Hopefully the messages of this millennium find verdant soil.

Above the seed is likened to individuals along the path to perfection. It also holds similarity with truth itself. The seed of truth must find proper soil to grow. Otherwise it lies dormant until reaching fertile ground. This message resides in every human heart. In some incarnations it grows, and in others it withers. Some seeds withdraw for winter, and others flourish.

This truth is the eternal life all masters speak of. When one feels it, one knows. If one does not, he or she keeps searching. Sensory life serves as a wonderful journey through which to discover one's self. The only way to know is to be ignorant. For without lack of knowledge we can never learn knowledge. Life on Earth is enmeshed in these dualities, these contrasts. To experience cold, one must be hot. To know comfort one must know discomfort.

Lastly, we illustrate the idea of vasanas from the Upanisads. Vasana translates roughly to "track." When we perform an action repeatedly it produces a habit, or a track. When on that path, it is easy to remain in it, difficult to leave. Furthermore, tracks are easy to fall back into, think of them as "ruts." These vasanas echo throughout our incarnations on this planet.

The mustard seeds of these habits continue through each physical life here. When one dies, he experiences his habits in the next incarnation. There are several ways of dealing with them. If the conditions for their ripening are not present, the seeds remain until the environment is found.

Thus, the chaste monk and nymphomaniac have a similar problem. Both obsess on sex. The former has conditions where the seed of sexuality does not bloom, hopefully! The latter has the vine in full bloom. A fasting person and a glutton are the same. Again, the first has the seed dormant, the second in full flourish. How one deals with these conditions determines whether the seeds remain.

Modified Renunciation

Vedanta, possibly the oldest known school of truth, states that the seed's cores must be burnt. They are burnt through a variety of means. Repression never works. The most familiar example I can use is similar to Buddha's. Although St Ignatius of Loyola's Spiritual Exercises also qualify.

First create consistency of thought word and deed. Then renounce all material things to a minimum. What is left are the desires you are to either fulfill in this life or learn their illogic. For example, if you are consumed by sexual thoughts constantly, renounce them. Refrain from sexual pictures, contact, and discussion. If after a period of time, say a year, they remain, attempt to fulfill them while always keeping integrity.

Do not lie to anyone about the purpose of your conduct. This will keep you from losing your path and goal. Tell those you wish to bed that your desire is for sexual fulfillment. In other words, if you must lie to achieve your aims, you will not learn what you set out to. You will likely reinforce the cloudiness of your actions and your results.

Remember always that the universe is the final arbiter of all balance. It is never fooled. Just like visible physical laws, invisible non-physical laws are always met. Water behaves consistently across the universe and so does light.

Your motives are always clear to the underlying universe. Imagine telling the cosmos that you are not really boiling water, but freezing it. Will the water miraculously freeze? I don't think so. So, back to the key point. Either the sexual urge goes away, or you realize through your physical incarnation, that union through purely sex does not work for you. And if it works, you experience the eternal NOW, you are never going to read past this point!

Upanisadic wisdom states that one must burn the seed to keep it from sprouting in future incarnations. The method you choose determines how and when you are fulfilled. You may choose gluttony, or maybe renunciation. Just remember, in the end you renounce the renunciation, or overdose on renunciation. In other words, all extremes lead to their opposites. Generally, you swing from overindulgence to austerity; repeatedly.

You are the seed of the divine creator. As you mature, you bring out all aspects of the creator or certain choice traits that you love. Some children mirror the mother and others the father. Some just specific traits, and one or two, all traits. Figure out what you are and be that. That is peace, love, bliss.

Value-Added

Father is a mechanic with a penchant for airbrushed painting. He builds cars with beautiful artwork upon them. Mother designs building interiors with usable spaces. One son is an architect, the other an engineer. Finally one daughter designs and builds skyscrapers with the most artistic of facades. Some children a trait or two, some the whole thing with beauty added. Or as a close friend taught me, with “value-added.”

Add your value to the universe. This is often referred to as the Law of Sacrifice, or as I like to call it, the Law of Sharing. When God imbues the universe with its energy, it shares. We follow the same principle when we give back to the environment. Sometimes through wildlife management, or stewardship, and other times through harvesting crops. When we fail to return value according to this principle, an energy blockage is reached.

This is the state we find ourselves in now. We take more than we return too often. Fortunately, the universe is perfectly balanced itself. When the blockage is cleared it often looks like a dam bursting.

We are not to try to stop the dam from bursting, for that is what caused the block in the first place. We are either to direct the flow along its correct path, or to get out of the way. The dam of human liberty has been blocked too long.

When the dam is set to overflow, release pressure out of its spillways. Do not build it higher or face explosive flooding and drowning. Spiritual liberty has been blocked so long that it bursts the dogmatic dams of psyche.

(10) Jesus said, "I have cast fire upon the world, and see, I am guarding it until it blazes."

Fire of the Self

In the spirit of the Upanisads before, and Mohammed after, Jesus is the fire that burns the seeds of future desires. Vasanas are also desires for the future. If you die while suppressing the sex drive, that desire flowers in the next incarnation. It does not disappear just because you repress it. These desires must be burned for perfection, or equilibrium, to be reached.

An important point must be stressed here. Once perfection is reached you NEVER return to a physical incarnation. You must have a desire to be here to visit Earth. Even the perfect masters you meet or read about, they had a minimum of one desire: To impact this world.

Every action has the seed of SELF in it. NOTHING can be selfless. The universe will not allow anything to sacrifice without payment, for balance must be maintained. If you die for a cause, your payment was that you got to sacrifice yourself for something. You WANTED to know what it was like to martyr.

When you come here to teach others, you receive the fulfillment that every teacher knows is his or her true payment. That of seeing the light dawn in a pupil's eyes. I speak because I get to be heard. I receive the fulfillment of the attention and power that commands. People give me joy and sorrow at my words. Move in equilibrium.

The Eye of the Hurricane

We could leave, but we want to serve while in the world. Any master can run away to the mountains and put on the saffron robes. I wish mastery while in the thick of life. That is what we are here to learn and show. How to be perfect in the midst, the eye of the hurricane. You are calm and active, "A movement and a rest."

There is a concept in fitness called recovery under load. When you run for distance you can add intervals of sprints in between. In other words, you run at a consistently moderate heart rate for the majority of the 4 kilometers. Yet while running, you execute sprints of 200 meters at a time. Each time you complete a sprint, rather than stopping entirely, you return to the average pace.

While under the stress of running, you are recovering. While running, you increase the load, and recover. This is recovery under load, and the quickest way to reach peak performance. It is also intense and risky. There is always the

possibility that you will overstress. With great rewards come great risks. Many masters have stumbled at this last point.

They reach enlightenment, but not without paying a high price. They lose much of what they set out to accomplish, and their messages became marred by indiscretions. Their failures reinforce the dangers of extremism to us. Their examples serve themselves, their detractors and us.. The universe, or God, never hits two birds with one stone. It hits every single one of them!

"I have cast fire upon the world, and see, I am guarding it until it blazes."

This saying is often left out of the modern cannon. Many call it spurious, but that is because they have been fed much about a mythical figure who was killed for being peace loving. Ludicrous. He was killed for taking the power of the few and returning it to the many.

What kind of religion would teach that the most perfect of its adherents is tortured and murdered? Let go of the propaganda and look at the story as a child does. It teaches that perfect people are murdered so your imperfections can go unbalanced. This is not the message of a Master.

Jesus fire is the fire of truth, and it has been smoldering since he lit it. It burns in hearts everywhere. On the cross he committed his soul energy to turning the wheel of dharma, of fate. Each turn of the Earth's precession has accompanying energy released. As the Buddha said, he came to turn the wheel of fate

Jesus, the Piscean Man

The Earth spins like a top upon its axis. When you magnify the rotation of a top, you see that in addition to its spin, the axis itself rotates as well. This is called "precession." Currently this axis points to the North Star as it rotates through the constellations in the heavens.

During Jesus age, it moved from Aries into Pisces. It went from the ram, to the fish. That is why Jesus' symbol is the fish. He is moving from the Jewish scapegoat culture to that of personal love. At each age there is an opener and a closer. He opened the age, the Second Coming is about the close. The end of the age of Pisces and the beginning of Aquarius.

His fire has smoldered for over 2,000 years, an Age of men. It is about to spring into a conflagration. Its flames are rising. His message burns the lies and desires of old. Aquarius brings in the new.

(11) Jesus said, "This heaven will pass away, and the one above it will pass away. The dead are not alive, and the living will not die. In the days when you consumed what is dead, you made it what is alive. When you come to dwell in the light, what will you do? On the day when you were one you became two. But when you become two, what will you do?"

Animal Man and Evolution

This verse has many meanings and requires deep thought. A surprise to you, I am sure.

First, the master reinforces that anything that exists in the world of time will pass away. "This heaven....and the one above...will pass away." He further adds that neither are the dead alive, nor will the living ever die. The dead is matter, the spirit is alive. Matter never lives without the animation of spirit. And that which is animated with spirit NEVER dies.

By this logic, you are dead. For you are unconscious of the divinity of your own soul. You walk through this earth as zombies, nothing more than bipedal animals. What are the desires of animals?

1. Better food.
2. Better Shelter
3. Better Progeny

Are these any different from most humans you meet? No. Sadly, humans fail to use their higher intellects to provide the deeper meanings of the universal, the infinite. Their conceptions of the higher are only embellished caricatures of the lower. Jesus gave man 2,000 years and his soul with which to work. The energy of a master with which to fuel your ascension to the higher.

Unfortunately humanity largely wasted its time. The theory of evolution states that animals progress from lesser to greater complexity, better adapted to the environment. Entropy states that complexity decays over time. The physical decays, while the spiritual grows. Together we have the equilibrium of the universe, the physical and non-physical.

Humanity has "descended," within its own theory of evolution. Contradiction anyone? How can an evolving species descend? It cannot. This contradiction is showed in our world. We can split the atom, yet we cannot feed ourselves. The relationships between the sexes has never been more polarized.

Balance the Polarities

Early in humanity's history we chose the group over the individual, now we experience the worst of the individual over the group. The Aquarian age the Earth ushers in through her representative facilitates balance between these concepts, equilibrium between our historically opposed polarities. Father against mother no longer; husband WITH wife.

Early in the manifestation of Earth from concept to practice, your spirit animated matter. You consumed the dead, matter, and made it alive. Now that duality is to be contrasted for all to see. Jesus rent the veil between matter and spirit. He was to show us in a material world, the inconsistencies within us. The polarity between our matter and spirit. When the light shines on your hypocrisy, what will you do?

Perfect spirit descended into divided matter. Into the polarity of male and female. You are now two, what will you do? You are of two minds within yourself as well. Your feelings and your thoughts do not line up. You are inconsistent, you live a lie. What will you do? How do you propose to join with yourself?

Most people seek to join with another person to balance themselves. I posit to you, that two unbalanced beings can never produce a balanced being. First you must balance the duality within yourself before you can join with another. I promise you that it is possible. I also promise that it is mandatory for your eternal life. For you to live, you must balance. Earth balances itself.

The pendulum has swung so high to one polarity, that we are to push it over the top. It is at 1 degree of its 360 degree path. Rather than push it 179 degrees downward, we are pushing it 2 degrees over the top! This looks harsh from the ground level, but in the end it is the most efficient and most balanced.

Much energy is trapped in our overly analytical world. Our externally based philosophy with no internal complement is creating an untenable situation. Humanity cannot be released upon the universe without the internal component, for our empirically based ideas will cause to go through the universe like a virus, or a plague. Because the current world philosophy is trapped in Newtonian physics of materialism, we would consume the universe.

Yet instead of destruction, we have opportunity though. This is the message of adversity. Use the challenges and fire to temper one's self. Temper, do not burn. Take the pounding and shaping to emerge reborn and stronger. Take the fire. Use it to burn one's impurities and inconsistencies. Lose the dross, return it to the crucible of creation.

Ideation is the masculine, the concept. Practice is the feminine, experience. Feel your life. Know it and feel it. Feel it and know it. External science alone quantifies all. You are only a cog, and easily replaceable part. Internal science, gives you meaning. You are important and you matter, for *you* are your window into the world. Without you it does not exist for yourself, much less anyone else. For without you to conceptualize it, it does not exist at all as far as you are concerned. Find your truth and meaning within, fulfill it.

(12) The disciples said to Jesus, "We know that you will depart from us. Who is to be our leader?"

Jesus said to them, "Wherever you are, you are to go to James the righteous, for whose sake heaven and earth came into being."

As usual, the disciples are asking about the nonexistent, the future. They are worried about sometime when their master IS NOT, rather than experiencing the time when he IS. They do not realize that they can ask themselves if they become eternal like Jesus.

Nonetheless, being a kind soul, Jesus offers them James the righteous. He tells them to ask the righteous one, for whose sake the world is. James can be thought of an historic person or a concept. I choose the concept, for I am speaking of universal wisdom at this time.

Although my words will never be able to perfectly capture the infinite, I will try to target them closer to what you are to experience on your own. I will speak of what IS, as best I can, knowing that my listeners are dynamic and as changing as my incarnation.

There is an esoteric teaching that Jesus started the cycle, and his brother finishes it. That his fire smolders until his brother stokes it with the truth once again. More commonly, people refer to the concept of righteousness. One can look at truth as the reason the Earth came into being. As long as Jesus students go to "the righteous," they shall be fine.

(13) Jesus said to his disciples, "Compare me to someone and tell me whom I am like."

A Master Appears Different to Each Viewer

Simon Peter said to him, "You are like a righteous angel."

Matthew said to him, "You are like a wise philosopher."

Thomas said to him, "Master, my mouth is wholly incapable of saying whom you are like."

Jesus said, "I am not your master. Because you have drunk, you have become intoxicated from the bubbling spring which I have measured out." And he took him and withdrew and told him three things. When Thomas returned to his companions, they asked him, "What did Jesus say to you?" Thomas said to them, "If I tell you one of the things which he told me, you will pick up stones and throw them at me; a fire will come out of the stones and burn you up."

In this verse the master seeks to show his disciples where they are respectively on the path to perfection. He does this through the simple question of how each perceive him. Simon Peter, a Hebrew, seeks purity; forever the goal of the Jewish saint. Thus, he sees his master as a righteous angel. One born of a virgin, of the highest purity Peter can conceive of. This vein runs solidly through all of Peter's church. It obsesses with purity and sainthood, martyrdom and self-denial.

Matthew forever seeks knowledge. He sees the sage Jesus as a wise philosopher. Both circumscribe him into their own view of perfection, despite the fact that the infinite cannot be categorized without becoming finite. Once you limit the truth, it is no longer universal. Unfortunately for you, the universal truth is often too broad to be of much use to you trapped in a time space mentality. To your luck, others have walked before you.

Shining the Flashlight

That is my role, to shine a flashlight on the major obstacles upon the path to perfection. I describe my path and how the common pitfalls appear to my eyes. Then I offer tools to map parallels between your experience and those of other masters. Finally I give methods to help enlighten your path.

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The closest disciple states that his mouth could never describe whom his master is like.

Thomas is closest, for he knows in his heart that whatever words he uses will fall short. Words limit the breadth of the vision he has of this enlightened being. Imagine poor Thomas stammering to try to capture the Truth only to settle on the statement that the man from Nazareth is indescribable.

Jesus responds by stating that he is not Thomas' master, that Thom is "intoxicated" from Jesus spiritual truth. This statement may be read several ways. One way is that Thomas is intoxicated with the power of Jesus energy, and because of this, he cannot be a disciple. A man lost in the beauty of the words, may miss the message.

Another reading hints that Thomas is now the equal for he is drunk on the experience of truth. Thom has merged with the ideas of his master so wholly that he is now one with God as well. Either reading you choose, Jesus takes him aside to teach him further. When Thomas returns the other brothers question him.

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Whatever Jesus tells Thomas, the disciple felt that his other brothers would either misunderstand him and stone him, or they would rightfully understand the import of the words and stone him as well. Moreover, regardless of why they might stone, Thomas unequivocally claims that they could not but hurt themselves by stoning their fellow.

These responses tell many things. First, it is likely that Thomas is now Jesus equal. For of all the things that Thomas could say, this would raise the most ire of the others. They would chastise and possibly stone him for blasphemy. Another support to this reading, is that their stoning would not hurt Thomas. This fact shows that Thomas has merged. Only those far along the road to enlightenment are protected in this manner.

The truth shared with Thomas is so profound as to make his brothers want to kill him, and in their ignorance, their blindness would cause their own violence to turn upon themselves. Imagine that they do not want to hear the truth. Upon hearing it, they cannot bear its weight. So instead of changing their integrity, thought-word-deed, they try to destroy the truth. Loss of truth would surely burn them. Inconsistency of their beings would burn them inside without doubt.

(14) Jesus said to them, "If you fast, you will give rise to sin for yourselves; and if you pray, you will be condemned; and if you give alms, you will do harm to your spirits. When you go into any land and walk about in the districts, if they receive you, eat what they will set before you, and heal the sick among them. For what goes into your mouth will not defile you, but that which issues from your mouth - it is that which will defile you."

Obsession

No church authority could ever tolerate the above verse regardless of where it came from. Jesus states that fasting, alms, and praying, staples of church doctrine and dogma; cause sin! Most wonder how this can be. With a little light, the ideas become sharper.

Earlier I mentioned that a glutton and a faster are no different, for they both obsess on food. Forever is food on their minds. Same with alms. The greedy obsess with money for many years. Then when they get older and have enough, they only think of giving it away. Nothing has changed. In one state they gather positive money, in the other, they gather negative money. All is money.

Lastly the idea of prayer arises. Why, of all things, would prayer lead to sin? In ancient Hebrew, one definition of sin means "missing the mark." When a disciple swings from one extreme to another, he fails to hit the mark. Enlightenment means balance. It signifies equilibrium between the spirit and the body. In the realized soul, his eternal spirit and physical body balance perfectly. The examples above are indicative of the dangers to an advanced seeker.

A note is merited here. Alms, prayer and fasting in and of themselves are not dangerous to those still in the world of action. Early on the path to perfection, young humans need familiarization with the feelings associated with these acts. They also need to learn self-denial. Eventually they must practice the denial of extremes.

When I first committed to walking the path full time, my wife left with my child at 29 years of age. I then proceeded to surrender everything else I owned. The purpose of this renunciation was to remove obstacles to my enlightenment. I told few and did not make a large charitable gathering. I carefully surrendered to those who would not be too grateful or resentful. This ensured that I would gain no positive or negative benefits outside myself.

Conquering Obsession-Modified Renunciation Again

I coupled this methodology with minimization in all other areas of my life. I spoke with as few people as possible except the bare necessities: “A large tea please.” “No, no ice,” etc. I did not run away to the Himalayan Mountains or to an ashram. I wanted to be in the world as much as possible. Recovery under load. Growth while still under the stresses of the real world, that is my method. It provides an intense and rapid ascent to the foothills and peaks of truth.

After a period of time, I slowly added back distractions into my life. I mean distractions from the path of personal perfection. Distractions from internal and external consistency, true integrity. The final stage of integrity includes feelings. When your feelings are not in concert with your thoughts, words, and deeds, a lie or inconsistency is present. I get ahead of myself. So, I slowly re-engaged with the world. Whenever I felt myself falling into old behavior I eased off. But only enough to remove the old behavior; never did I run away.

This last point is key. If you run away, you have conquered nothing. If one is truly enlightened, nothing causes inconsistencies in his being. Therefore, it matters not to the enlightened man whether he is alone in a forest, or in a crowd of thousands. Remember also, though, that this life is about experiencing the dualities of Earth life. One has come here to live in a polar world. Perfection involves retaining your own personal core while experiencing the myriad variety only possible in a bipolar world. Pun intended.

Remember then, use these tools to encourage your own enlightenment. Use them to make yourself whole rather than a divided being of confused desires. Remove your inconsistencies, then live as a human among the world. Or, travel to the hinterlands. Use what works for you. Know this though, you can hide nothing from your eternal soul.

Imagine for a moment that you could access every sensation your body experienced from the moment it was conscious. It would overwhelm you and possibly drive you insane. Yet you somehow keep track of all of your actions, feelings, and thoughts whether you are aware of them or not. Whether it is your soul or your DNA or your brain that accounts for everything, you *always* reap what you sow.

“When you go into any land and walk about in the districts, if they receive you, eat what they will set before you, and heal the sick among them. For what goes into your mouth will not defile you, but that which issues from your mouth - it is that which will defile you.”

Here, the master gives more tools for *his* disciples. He tells them to eat what is offered, and make whole those who come to them. This keeps the disciples from reinforcing more extremes. They are to live moderately with what the universe offers. He does not recommend sloth or laziness, he tells them to stay busy sharing what he has shown them to heal imbalance. Be it spiritual or physical. The interesting thing, is that when you retrieve the truth from within, you want to share it with all, without being told. Thus, this admonition is not necessary if you truly receive what Masters are saying.

The reason for this sharing, is that the only way a human really knows when he has learned the fundamentals of something is when he can share them with others.

Jesus adds a further clarification that what they take into their mouths does not defile them, whereas that which comes out does. This refers to the fact that the acceptance of what life offers creates no backlash, but acting in the world does. It is important that one reads the word, “defiles.”

When the disciples move into the world accepting its variation, they risk no defilement of themselves. But when they decide to act in the world they risk defiling their perfection, they create actions that have possible backlash. When you act naturally without arithmetic calculation, there is no risk of karmic balance being created. When you behave as a businessman, always calculating profit, and moral balance, you risk a positive or negative cosmic accounts balance. Then you must cash or pay your excess balance; positive or negative.

(15) Jesus said, "When you see one who was not born of woman, prostrate yourselves on your faces and worship him. That one is your father."

Twice (or Thrice) Born

Here we have the source of the virgin birth mythology. Several key points introduce our discussion. One, all beings born on this planet have a genetic father and mother. Jesus was born of man and woman. If Jesus was not born of man, Joseph's lineage to David would be meaningless. Depending on which version you want, the one from Matthew or Luke. Seriously, the first birth is always of 46 chromosomes, 23 from the mother and the same from the father.

The second birth Jesus always refers you to, is a self birth, the self-substantiation that all Masters go through at one time or another. You become your own parent. A woman her own father, and a man his own mother. You fulfill that within you that is out of balance. You are born with either a masculine or feminine bias overall. This must be balanced along with all of your other thoughts, feelings, and actions.

Thus, a man not born of a woman, is one who has birthed himself. He who has balanced all of his cells; his physical and non-physical components. For women it is the opposite. She who is not born of man must balance both of her polarities.

The mishmash of scriptures that have descended down through the centuries confuse these facts. Keep track of your purpose here, to enlighten the facets of this existence, to enlighten you as to the ideas of balance and equilibrium within; to reach perfection. Our goal is to return cohesion to the ideas of earth. Truth is Unity, though not homogeny.

One who seeks a master, seeks a being who has balanced both masculine and feminine sides within.

(16) Jesus said, "Men think, perhaps, that it is peace which I have come to cast upon the world. They do not know that it is dissension which I have come to cast upon the earth: fire, sword, and war. For there will be five in a house: three will be against two, and two against three, the father against the son, and the son against the father. And they will stand solitary."

Killed for Dissension Not Peace

To the modern dogmatic Christians, these ideas are anathema. They stink of blasphemy and hypocrisy. Their Jesus was killed for peace loving, for love. Hmmm, sounds unlikely. The Jews and Romans killed a pacifist to set a strong example? It delivers the message...of what? Don't be nonviolent?

Jesus spread dissent wherever he went. He encouraged people to take their liberty back from the philosophers who taught them slavery. This is a crime worth punishment by powerful Hebrews and Romans. He has come to sow "dissension...fire, sword, and war." What kind of action is he encouraging?

First, he brings the fire of truth. This fire enlightens the contradictions inherent in the lives of men, their hypocrisy. His sword divides the truth from the falsehood. This message draws the line which delineates truth and falsehood. The division is already present, prophets just clarify it with light and wisdom. Light and the sword. Now, those who hear the word must fight the discrepancy until it is no more. Then they surrender completely to the truth.

Fight, Then Surrender

A key distinction is drawn above. One fights hypocrisy early on the path, once they have fought to the point of stalemate, they surrender.

A man who is obsessed with sex fights his tendency to focus on it constantly by a common method. First he examines his life to discover extreme thoughts and contradictions. He thinks himself a good civilized man; he just likes pictures of beautiful women. Upon reflection, he realizes that the only reason for him to spend so much time browsing through beauty plates is that he still has a desire for many partners. This is examination and discovery.

Next, he chooses renunciation and substitution. He renounces the desire in his heart to bed many women. He does this through a variety of means: he stops looking at the pictures, he stops staring at women around him, and he minimizes conversations with women. He substitutes a behavior which *dissipates* the desires rather than repressing them. For example, he starts to think of women as his

children or sisters. Also, he may focus on reading ideas which prove to him that he has no need of sexual fulfillment.

After a time of practicing this method, the seeker then slowly allows the object of obsession back into his life. When he starts lapsing back into old behavior, he uses substitution and renunciation a little at a time as necessary. Eventually the desire is dissolved and he can trust himself in normal interaction.

Sometimes though, the desire never seems to go away. In these instances the student must fulfill his desires. He must commence meeting and bedding women until he is satisfied. Again, never with ulterior motives or dishonesty. It is extremely important that lies of any type are not tolerated. He must not create more contradictions within and without.

Many religious people would vehemently disagree with my statements. For them I say, you cannot repress an unfulfilled desire. It only grows stronger. Their heaven is described as a place where all desires are fulfilled. Hence, the heaven where men get many virgins for pleasure.

This world is the place for completing material needs. Finish your work here knowing that you will come back as many times as you need to. Again, if your heaven is where all your desires are fulfilled, you could come back here if that were your desire.

Now, externally, the war of Christians lasted for centuries after the death of Christ. Call them Crusades, call them whatever, there are many wars waged to "Christianize heathens." As late as the Philippines in this century, the American president declared that America had a job to do Christianizing the poor Filipinos. Please disregard the atrocities committed there and the betrayal of her citizens.

I do not write to claim that Christians are necessarily any more violent than other religions, although there are decidedly more pacifistic faiths. I do write to show the dangers of an organized religion led by a paid clergy. I write of theocracy in and of itself, be it the religion, be it dogmatic External or Internal sciences.

For there will be five in a house: three will be against two, and two against three, the father against the son, and the son against the father. And they will stand solitary.

The sentence above can refer to the external results of his words, households dividing against themselves. Or, it can refer to the deeper traditional meaning. Humans have five recognized senses. They always compete against each other for the attention of the soul and intellect.

Since a Master's sight no longer competes with the rest of his senses, the other are stronger. This individual is less "divided" against himself within the household of his soul, his bodily temple. Also, you can look at yourself as your own father when you are balanced. Unfortunately, you are divided against yourself as well. Your soul, or parent, fights with your child, your human body.

A family which is in equilibrium values all input when making a decision. A master's words shine the light of truth upon your dishonest condition. Initially this brings conflict as it took you ages to develop your habits. This war results in peace. Internally you are solidified and consistent after the fire tempers you. It heats your soul, body and mind into an indestructible alloy. Specific matter may come and go, you do not. You are eternal.

(17) Jesus said, "I shall give you what no eye has seen and what no ear has heard and what no hand has touched and what has never occurred to the human mind."

Because the truth is infinite, it cannot be conceptualized by a time based entity such as the mind. It cannot be seen by the eye either. For anything seen or conceptualized by these tools is time biased. This means that it is conditional. The eternal is unconditional. It is always so.

Experience the Truth: Know the Truth

Hence, the truth that a master brings must be experienced by following the path as delineated for you by an enlightened soul –one who is lit by the fire of truth. One whose soul and body have passed through the crucible of self-realization.

This text illustrates ways to pass through your own furnace. The price is high, as it costs you yourself. It costs everything you think of as who and what you are. The reward is worth it. You become timeless and eternal, you feel fulfillment and bliss. You never experience the uncertainty of ignorance again.

Once your eyes are opened, they can never be closed.

Give someone an automobile and try to make them go back to an ox cart. This person will never forget the ease of the auto. Give someone sight, and make them blind after a period of time. Lamentation for the loss of sight lasts. It is a testament to the human constitution that we can survive this loss at all.

(18) The disciples said to Jesus, "Tell us how our end will be." Jesus said, "Have you discovered, then, the beginning, that you look for the end? For where the beginning is, there will the end be. Blessed is he who will take his place in the beginning; he will know the end and will not experience death."

The disciples ask about what is NOT once again. They question a living master about the dead! They ask for an end when they have not experienced the beginning. Again, Jesus is a kind master, he only illustrates their illogic. Ask my students about my early methodology, I can tell you that I was not nearly as kind. Then again, we do not have His tone. He may have had the mockery and sarcasm I am known for.

He answers, how can you search for the end when you have not found the beginning. He then proves how he knows, and how they can know of themselves. Jesus never sought worship, he sought to show people the way. That is right, **SHOW PEOPLE HOW TO FIND THE WAY THEMSELVES**. How to be internally consistent, and how this leads to all the answers one could ever want.

The truth appears different from differing vantage points such as the coin when viewed from one side or another. To one it is heads, to another it is tails. The self-realized only knows a coin.

The ancients often saw it differently from through their lenses. When you climb a mountain, you take many switchbacks, few go straight up to the top. During these turns, you choose a different endpoint for each one. Thus, your destination appears to swing from opposite to opposite. Your field of view moves from the right side of the mountain to the left, and back again. When you emerge at the last mile, you travel straight up the mountain. We are there. We have emerged from the polarized opposites of history. Now we see the goal directly in front of us.

The Whole Elephant

There is an ancient parable about blind men and an elephant:

One holds the tail, he states, “The elephant is like a rope.”

The next wraps his arms around a trunk like leg, “The elephant is like a tree.”

Another pushes against its massive side, “No you fools, it is like a wall.”

A fourth holds its trunk, “For me it is a hose, a giant hose.”

Finally, the last flaps its ear, “It is like a palm frond.”

A Master sees the entire elephant, those of you at different times are like each of the blind men. Most philosophers are these amazing blind men, attempting to describe what they cannot see. Seekers go a step further, extrapolating that what they see is only an aspect of the reality. Finally, a fully enlightened one knows the entire animal. He or she can speak to whomever has a question wherever they ask it from.

Life is a circle. It begins in life and ends in death. Yet if you have eternal life you shall not die. In other words, death begets another life. For each time you die, you are born again to fulfill your unfulfilled desires. Fulfill all that you ever desire and you shall not die. Unfortunately we have short term memory loss. Like a bunch of marijuana smokers, we cannot remember what we just did. We repeat over and over. Get stoned on life if you enjoy it. Otherwise, stop smoking for a moment and let the smoke clear. You will see a vivid world which needs no embellishment. Even better, you can embellish it afterwards if you still so choose.

You can always go back to the intoxicant of sensory overload if you like. Just don't pretend you have become sober enough to choose, and that you have chosen this dream. An informed decision must be made. This myth of a perfect saint being born without every having tried something reeks of insincerity. What does it teach us, that being born perfect is the only way to reach eternal perfection? No, all of us can reach our own perfection in this lifetime.

Renounce Renunciation

One who has never smoked is unimpressive in their renunciation of it. Same with one who has never had sex or drank. This is not a saint, but an ascetic. One who is obsessed with so called austerity. What about austerity from austerities themselves? Can they drop this addiction to renunciation? Not without great effort. This is often the hardest part, letting go of “the act of letting go.”

After I renouncing everything, slow add it all back to ensure enlightenment. If one gives everything away, part of that renunciation is the fear of losing things. That is why one gives strategically and without fanfare. There cannot be a benefit to letting go other than the letting go itself. Otherwise, you are just attaching to the praise of charity. You are attaching to something else rather than only enjoying what the universe provides.

Ancient Vedantins studied philosophy without fail. They logically reasoned out all that you hear from masters. They realized that running away to some ashram or temple was only a step on the journey rather than the journey itself. They discovered a philosophy of living that can be practiced right here and right now, that realizes results immediately.

For if your philosophy of life causes you to avoid living, what is it? Your philosophy of living must integrate life for you. Everyone’s goal of life is different. Fortunately for all of us, we get the opportunity to discover what that goal is. We are rewarded with ignorance prior to the reward of knowledge.

We must be ignorant in order to learn, for if we knew everything, we could never learn. The joy of discovery would never be ours. This is God’s grace, the grace of our Creator, our universe. If it helps for you to conceptualize a master conductor, so be it. Only, live consistently with your knowledge.

Finish What You Start

You must follow each path completely to know what is at the end. Imagine you are lost in a forest, you come across an intersection of two roads. You have four choices, North, South, East, and West. Are you going to go part way down each one and declare that there is no way out of the forest? Or, are you going to completely follow each one until an end is reached?

These are the paths where our organized religions leave us. Most describe paths that lead halfway. For most require us to die to reach the end. The beauty of these arguments, is that no one living can disprove them. For if you are alive, you obviously have not reached heaven!

Nonsense. If you cannot verify the path through personal experience, it is invalid. Furthermore, if it cannot be verified, nobody can prove to you that it completes. This is the science of living, not of some far off theoretical model. The goal of life is to live perfectly. That is the goal of any science of living, of any religion. Religion is about living a perfect life whose reward is that perfect experience, versus some nebulous unverifiable concept.

“Have you discovered, then, the beginning, that you look for the end? For where the beginning is, there will the end be. Blessed is he who will take his place in the beginning; he will know the end and will not experience death.”

To simplify this discussion I will avoid the whole “life is a circle without beginning or end idea.” Suffices to say, that because the truth is unconditional it cannot have a beginning or end. If you are to live forever, you cannot have beginning or an end. For if you have a beginning or an end, you are not eternal. There is a time when you do not exist. The truth must always *BE*.

If you want to know the end, you need only know your beginning. The seeds of the future are the present, and the fruit of the past is the present. Psychic visionaries always try to tell you the future or the past: “He was murdered by such and such,” or, “He will be murdered by so and so.” While an impressive and useful gift, religious sciences give a more reliable method of sight.

This method, though much more rigorous, enables an enlightened soul to see both the future and the past. For if you *know* the present you know all that is before and after. For as I explained above, the present was created by the past, and the future comes from the present. Thus, if you know the present you know the beginning, if you know the beginning you know the present, if you know the present you know the end.

Yes, it is that simple. Please note though, that if you do not know all of the present, you know nothing. Everything is related to everything else. Know one thing completely, know them all. Know a little of everything, you know nothing. Any philosopher will tell you, the more they learn, the more they recognize their own ignorance.

Know the present and know eternal life.

(19) Jesus said, "Blessed is he who came into being before he came into being. If you become my disciples and listen to my words, these stones will minister to you. For there are five trees for you in Paradise which remain undisturbed summer and winter and whose leaves do not fall. Whoever becomes acquainted with them will not experience death."

A Form of Meditation

When I mediate on this scripture, I perform what is called samyama. The science of yoga is the path followed by most masters regardless of what they call it. It is the process of knowing something inside and out without taking it apart. When you break something apart to understand it, you fail your primary mission.

If your goal is to understand a person, taking them apart does not fulfill it. I take you apart and study all of your cells under a microscope. Yet you are more than the sum of your parts. Try putting component parts of carbon, hydrogen oxygen etc into a bucket, do I have you? I think not.

So, Yoga means, "to yoke," or "union." Its many aspects include the processes of Dhyana, Dharana, and Samadhi. These are contemplation, concentration, and union with knowledge. In the first step, Dharana, one concentrates the focus of the mind on one object. Say, a tomato. The individual constantly trains the mind on all characteristics of it, seeds, vines, green, red, even soil. Author's traditionally refer to this as "meditation."

The second stage is Dhyana, or contemplation. The student focuses, or contemplates, only the object itself. No longer is drifting to aspects allowed. Here, the student learns single-pointedness, the ability to contemplate only one thing at a time. Obsessive Compulsive people are expert at this. Unfortunately, they are ignorant of what is worth spending all of their time considering.

Oneness-Samyama

Finally, a state of peace is reached where the contemplator becomes one with the contemplated. This state of method of reaching the state of Samadhi is called Samyama. When an expert performs Samyama on an object, he or she can know an object as it "knows" itself. You can know a tree from its inside out.

The logic behind this method is that awareness is the key to all. If awareness is life, and everything is known as you conceptualize it to yourself, you can know something completely by removing your biases. There are many books which describe this concept in physics. If you want to know these, ask me personally, or find them yourself. If I can find them, so can you.

Now that I have broached the process of Samyama, I will explain what my feeling is on this verse. The feeling I get, is that of my internal core in all of its glory prior to entering the density of physical incarnation. You may ask, “Gouthum, what the heck does that mean?” Then again you may not. Either way, I will explain logically *what I think of as it complements what I feel*.

When you balance your soul first, before entering into your life, you have perfection. The soul needs its polarities internally balanced before entering the experiences of life. There are several levels of examining this. You exist as a soul before you get an intellect, or a mind, or a body.

The intellect provides your reasoning power, your mind your emotions, your body corresponds to bodily needs. These three pieces refer to your physical incarnation. When you are physically attacked, your body has chemical processes that respond with fight reflexes, you are courageous.

Your body begins its adrenaline rush, your mind feels fury and sees red. Your intellect reasons out why you are right to be furious. This is your human responses. Your soul has none of this. When you have no body, how are you going to think? How are you going to feel? How are you going to react? You have no body with which to act, no mind with which to feel, and no intellect with which to think.

Your incarnation can be thought of as a descent into the body, mind and intellect. In that order. To reverse it you must reason your way through the bodily desires, and mind’s emotions. Eventually you must drop the intellect itself. By removing inconsistencies between your intellectual logic, mind’s feelings, and body’s reactions, you are able to act as one consistent actor. Then you allow your soul to *BE*.

If you become my disciples and listen to my words, these stones will minister to you.

In Samyama, the rocks can teach you. When you can become one with anything that you contemplate, anything can minister to you. Even the rocks show you.

This is being. By uniting the competing parts of your nature, you come into being first. Once this is done, you allow your being to BE. Then your being has come into BEING. There are other competing parts of your incarnation that you can use to explain these ideas. And don’t worry, they are easier to understand.

For there are five trees for you in Paradise which remain undisturbed summer and winter and whose leaves do not fall. Whoever becomes acquainted with them will not experience death.

Master the Senses

These five trees are the five senses. In the state of paradise, man is not divided from heaven. Here soul and body are one, spirit plus matter equals God. God minus spirit equals matter, pure objective science, no meaning. God minus matter equals spirit only, then there is no creation. No physical life.

Both matter and consciousness must be one. Ancient Vedantins called this Purusa and Prakriti. Purusa is the pure energy of the universe, the common denominator for everything energetic. Prakriti is the matter of which all things are made. These are also thought of as the masculine and feminine principles respectively. Female being matter, male being energy.

This is also reflected in procreation. Man provides the energy through sperm, and woman provides manifestation through egg and uterus. She takes concept and energy, 46 chromosomes with male vitality, and makes a child. She creates. Perfection is the union of these polarities in total. All beings lined up perfectly within and without.

Compare this to a steel girder. If it is forged, and the molecules are lined up inconsistently, it will shatter when subjected to stress, to increasing vibration. When the molecules are consistent, it weathers vibration and dissipates the vibration.

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People are no different. Your thoughts mirror your physical consistency and vice versa. One must be consistent in one's being to resonate one's note. You are a symphony of one note. Think of the note C. Whenever you have C strings in a room, play one, and they all resonate. Anywhere in the universe that the note of Gouthum plays, I am there.

Anywhere the symphony of God is playing, all notes are present. This is the way that one can be in many places at once. Is it a different note C in 1875 versus now? How about in Vienna with Mozart, or the Isle of Wight with Jimi Hendrix? Brittany Spears, Madonna? Always the same note.

You feel a change in your bones. Your awareness is increasing with your vibration. The Earth's vibration decreased for several hundred years, now it is increasing again. It shall double in the near future. This is what you feel. If you do not reach internal and external consistency, your being will shatter.

For there are five trees for you in Paradise which remain undisturbed summer and winter and whose leaves do not fall. Whoever becomes acquainted with them will not experience death.

These five senses compete for your attention. The eyes and the ears, the nose and the mouth. In a state of harmony, they all work together to provide a coherent picture. Instead of seeing an elephant as five different things, you see it as one animal. In Paradise, when you are undivided, you remain present and at peace throughout any change of weather. You weather any storm with internal consciousness. You are aware, therefore, *YOU ARE*.

When you are one with yourself, you have Eternal Life. *YOU LIVE NOW AND FOREVER*.

(20) The disciples said to Jesus, "Tell us what the kingdom of heaven is like."

He said to them, "It is like a mustard seed. It is the smallest of all seeds. But when it falls on tilled soil, it produces a great plant and becomes a shelter for birds of the sky."

The disciples again ask what some other place is like. Yet, they are closer to the mark this time. They ask what they are aiming for so that they can recognize it when it arrives. We will ignore the fact that Jesus is the Kingdom of Heaven before them, and that all they have to do is seek for the feeling of the Christ within to know.

Call it Krishna, Kristos, or Christ, you have the One. We are all aspects of it. God is the beginning and the end, the Alpha and the Omega. It is all that ever was and will be. It is the infinite. Because it is the infinite you are part of it. For the infinite covers all, it is the ultimate truth, unlimited, unconditional.

The world of many forms, the physical, is only an aspect of the infinite. To see anything different, you require time. Without time, it all diminishes to an ever changing chaos mass. The ancients called this unchanging substratum upon which everything appears, God. Some call it the Tao, others, the Brahman. All describe the cohesive principle of the universe.

Think of life as a movie. Without the screen you would have nothing. The movie does not really exist without a means through which to view it. This ultimate consciousness of which you are a part, is God. Each person is a part of this body of God. Some are the hands of God. Some give a help up, and some a fist. Some are the mouth of God, they speak. Others are the anus of God, they defecate on other things. All components are vital.

Balance, the Right Action at the Right Time

Our societies have a philosophy which states that nothing "bad," "should" exist. As a result we are not to burp in public or ever talk about our elimination of wastes. If nothing bad comes out of you, you are without an anus. If you are without an anus, you are full of feces. The majority of the people in the world are full of waste. This idea is that if you are perfect that nothing negative comes out of you. As a result we have people suffering inside upon their own wastes. This is where the digestive problems come from and much of our illness.

We are sick from the inside out because we deny ourselves based on misguided morality, this idea of sainthood which is really only half of the puzzle. The saints of old Christianity demand no sex. Although this may have started as a tool

through which to reach the divine, the means became the end. Imagine a world of no sex? You cannot, for no one on earth would exist to conceive of it.

It is not that there is no morality at all. There is balance, but what we usually think of it as, is not what it IS. You must discover yourself, then you are internally consistent, then your actions are externally consistent. Then you always act in concert with Truth. Old Christians often state that violence is wrong.

Have you tried to explain this to a drunk in psychosis beating his girlfriend? It fails miserably. Have you tried to restrain him? Impossible. Have you tried to sedate him? The needle breaks off into his arm, and you get hurt. In the end, you often have to beat him into submission until you can restrain him. Tell this woman that violence is wrong? There are times when you can get *anyone to do anything*. Once you see yourself in everyone then you have achieved something.

Then you no longer judge them personally. You may not agree with their action, and you may respond to it, but you do not think them ill, or evil. Once you create the ultimate good, you create the ultimate evil. For the system must maintain equilibrium.

Think about society. Society is comprised of people. If people are in disequilibrium, society is in disequilibrium. If society is in disequilibrium, persons are out of balance. This is the state of our current society. People are suffering and society is suffering. We are trying to create the “perfect” society where one portion of the globe does not suffer.

As a result, we are creating parts of the globe where EVERYONE suffers. Is this the world that you want to populate? Balance is ensured by the laws of the universe. No one can circumvent this order. Chaos is order you do not understand. “Random” is objective science’s way of saying I don’t know. “God” is subjective science’s way of saying the same. The universe makes perfect sense.

Some dispute that there is order, or eternity, or fairness. I have some simple examples to show that they likely exist. First, a child always asks where it comes from. That is because it KNOWS that it was somewhere before here! You never have to mention the idea of “pre-existence.” Same with “after,” it always asks where it goes. It knows that its consciousness never dissipates.

Next, it asks why the world is not fair. You may never mention that the world is to be fair, it knows that there is balance. It cannot understand why things don’t feel they way that he or she expects them to feel. Here is the key. Our short lifespan disallows one to easily see the balance of the universe. Regardless

whether this is fair or not, if you saw balance and fairness from the day you came into an incarnation, you would never experience anything.

The ultimate equilibrium is stagnation. Take a closed tank of 0 degree water. Partition it into halves and make one side positive 237 degrees and the other negative 237. Remove the partition. At the convergence zone you see thousands, millions of reactions. This is where life occurs. At the fringes, or extremes, you experience nothing. Life is duality and interaction. At the microscopic level it appears chaotic. At the macroscopic level it is always in balance. The universe is the infinite tank. It is always in balance.

Know that everything follows a pattern. By definition, the world is perfect, for that is what IS. It is our conception which is flawed. We are trying to project our normative moral ideas onto an amoral and balanced world. It does not mean that humans are amoral. Humans have morality. God's do not. Incarnate God's do though, yet because their scope is so broad, they may seem amoral to you.

"It is like a mustard seed. It is the smallest of all seeds. But when it falls on tilled soil, it produces a great plant and becomes a shelter for birds of the sky."

The Kingdom of Heaven is like a small seed that grows into an incredibly massive tree capable of shading all around it. Truth is your core, for you are eternal. Your consciousness is forever. You feel it deep inside yourself, as a little voice. It tells you from your earliest childhood what is right and wrong for you. Most Christians call this voice the Holy Ghost, or the "still small voice."

When you feed this seed with a perfect body, mind, and intellect, it grows. You grow from a seed into a giant tree. Your perfection offers the vast shade of peace to all those whom you interact with. This feeling has been testified to by all who have sat in the presence of a master. Even the word, "upanisad," the title of ancient Vedantin books, means "at the feet of," for sitting at the feet of a master.

What is peace though? To quote an anonymous source, it is more than the absence of war. Peace is the absence of contentions or inconsistencies within yourself. It is often experienced for brief moments by dancers, athletes, and musicians. Whenever you are deeply lost in yourself, you are at peace.

This peace means you are of one body, mind, and intellect. Greeks called it the union of body, mind, and soul. There are no divisions within while in this state. A master is always in this state, for he or she has eliminated all inconsistencies within. Religion's job is to teach you how to do this.

Note that a master is still human. That is the joy. Why would the universal consciousness descend into a human incarnation just to be itself without experience? Masters still feels joy, and sorrow, pleasure and pain. Yet it is more like hot or cold, there are no normative values attached to either. Not only does a master get to see the elephant whole, he or she gets to experience all of its parts separately too. This is the gift that is the state of Samadhi.

(21) Mary said to Jesus, "Whom are your disciples like?"

He said, "They are like children who have settled in a field which is not theirs. When the owners of the field come, they will say, 'Let us have back our field.' They (will) undress in their presence in order to let them have back their field and to give it back to them.

Therefore I say, if the owner of a house knows that the thief is coming, he will begin his vigil before he comes and will not let him dig through into his house of his domain to carry away his goods. You, then, be on your guard against the world.

Arm yourselves with great strength lest the robbers find a way to come to you, for the difficulty which you expect will (surely) materialize. Let there be among you a man of understanding. When the grain ripened, he came quickly with his sickle in his hand and reaped it. Whoever has ears to hear, let him hear."

Here Mary asks about the other disciples. To which her master replies, that they are children who have settled in the field of the Jews. Throughout the scriptures, the people of Israel are referred to as a field. The religious institution of the day had captured the people.

His disciples have settled into the field of the so called authorities. They are squatting. When the leaders come, Jesus students will undress themselves into their presence in order to return the people. They will show themselves naked for what they really are.

To this action, the master provides an admonition. Be prepared for the thieves who have stolen your liberty. Do not allow them to search through your domain, your soul, to carry away what is yours.

He warns the people to arm themselves with great strength rather than to surrender to thieves and vagabonds who sell salvation in a future life. Train yourself a master who can harvest the seekers when they are ready. This "man of understanding" will reap the liberated from among the slaves.

The time of Jesus had scribes who owned religion, its observances and its rewards. To him they were thieves stealing what was rightfully the people's own inheritance. This is one of the things that He was crucified for. Ever be on your guard for those who seek to draw you to themselves instead of the truth itself.

(22) Jesus saw infants being suckled. He said to his disciples, "These infants being suckled are like those who enter the kingdom."
They said to him, "Shall we then, as children, enter the kingdom?"
Jesus said to them, "When you make the two one, and when you make the inside like the outside and the outside like the inside, and the above like the below, and when you make the male and the female one and the same, so that the male not be male nor the female female; and when you fashion eyes in the place of an eye, and a hand in place of a hand, and a foot in place of a foot, and a likeness in place of a likeness; then will you enter the kingdom."

Like a Little Child

As usual, the disciples take Jesus literally here. He points out a baby that takes the milk of this mother with faith and without prejudice. His students then think to behave like children to enter eternity. This is a common misunderstanding today.

People rush to become adults only to reminisce for the days of childhood as soon as they reach adulthood. There are even ascetics in the East who defecate upon themselves and wander around like babies. All of this under the misguided notion that children are all that can enter the kingdom of perfection.

This is a simile, "like those who enter the kingdom." Children are without prejudice. The key is to learn everything without building prejudices, then you can then see what is really before you.

Children are not innocent, no one is. That is correct, we are all ancient and have lived numberless lifetimes. You do not get a human body without learning the basics of single-celled life, all the way to multi-celled life, finally to animal and human. A simple analogy serves.

What you think of as automatic is just that which you have learned already. Remember learning to walk, or at least, watch a child. When he or she begins, it is a tentative business of wobbling and weaving. By the age of your reading this, you have hopefully mastered unconscious walking. Some can even chew gum at the same time.

So, what you think of as automatic, is just something you have already mastered. Therefore, all of the cellular operations you imagine as grace, were earned. You are neither innocent nor guilty, though you are worthy of this human body. Now life itself, the first time you receive it, that is the grace of the universe.

Jesus said to them, "When you make the two one, and when you make the inside like the outside and the outside like the inside, and the above like the below, and when you make the male and the female one and the same, so that the male not be male nor the female female; and when you fashion eyes in the place of an eye, and a hand in place of a hand, and a foot in place of a foot, and a likeness in place of a likeness; then will you enter the kingdom."

We have already discussed the first part, how to make the two one. To reiterate quickly here, we are of two polarities, positive and negative, masculine and feminine. When we can balance our forms, we are no longer in disequilibrium. And thus, we enter perfection. We neither advocate bisexuality or androgyny here, nor do we condemn it.

However we do advocate the balancing of your own poles, such that your masculine and feminine are in balance. Some call these poles Yin and Yang. The easiest way to think about it is when your thoughts and deeds line up.

Yet the master goes further. He talks about the five senses again, though in a seemingly meaningless manner. Your eye itself does not see, nor does your hand touch. There is something within you that interprets the signals of these organs. Most objective scientists believe it is the brain that processes the signals. But what interprets the brain?

You are not the brain, as they can remove large parts of it without changing your personality. Imagine the person who loses long and short term memory and still has the same personality with accompanying behavior. Or, the rare occurrence of an individual who loses almost all of the major portions of the brain yet retains everything!?

If there is one exception to a theory it is incomplete. You are not the brain either. So the question remains, what interprets ALL of the signals, including the brain? Your soul does. It is the animating energy that does so. This is the "eye in the place of the eye." The Upanisads call this the "eye of the eye," and the "ear of the ear," etc.

(23) Jesus said, "I shall choose you, one out of a thousand, and two out of ten thousand, and they shall stand as a single one."

One in a Million

Here Jesus uses gematria, or sacred numerology to explain the number of his disciples. An easier way to think of this is the ratio of those who find truth. The Upanisads state that one in a thousand will seek, and one in a thousand of those will find. For you non-arithmetic majors, that is one in a million who will FIND the truth. Of those, a considerably smaller number will realize infinite truth.

Some say that number is one in a thousand of those, or one in a billion for the final number of eternal beings. The exact number is unimportant. Know this though, those among you who seek full time are of a very rare few. The final method is less important than the courage and commitment to drive through all obstacles to the end of your road. Remember as the masters say, if you find the beginning you find the end. Since creation is a circle, you find one, you find the other.

(24) His disciples said to him, "Show us the place where you are, since it is necessary for us to seek it." He said to them, "Whoever has ears, let him hear. There is light within a man of light, and he lights up the whole world. If he does not shine, he is darkness."

En-LIGHTenment

The disciples seek a place outside, for that is much easier than searching within. So, they ask where Jesus is, for they know that he is where they want to go. They are trapped in the time loop. For there to be two places there must be two different times. Rather than get caught on that mind bender, try to see where a master is, then find that same place within yourself. Capture the feeling of the master by staying near, then find that experience within.

The answer he gives, is that there is light within himself. Light is a cosmic principle. The more we study of physics, the more we learn that it is difficult to state any absolute truths in terms of solid objective facts. What we are left with are principles of behavior. Think of the principle of static, in motion, and equilibrium. On a subatomic level it is easiest to describe things in terms of principles of interaction.

Think of chemistry. Each atom has electron orbits, or "shells of probability." What the heck does this mean? It means that for any given atom, there are electrons orbiting its nucleus. The irony is that we never know where those electrons are at any given time, but we have a probable orbit.

An analogy serves. You have a satellite rotating around the Earth, but we do not know its exact start time or finish time. We DO know what distance from the Earth it always maintains. We could say that we have a probability shell where it is at any given moment. This is the science that everyone puts their faith in.

It is humorous that those who often argue with subjective religious science know less than this about objective orthodox science. In reality, our external science is just as relative as our internal science. Each gives us the ability to decide our behavior based on likelihood.

The difference is that each has a different purpose. The former seeks to provide methods of external peace and reliability, the latter seeks internal peace and reliability. When kept flexible and dynamic, both serve their purposes. As soon as either becomes static dogma, we become out of balance. All are tools for our perfection, inside and out.

(25) Jesus said, "Love your brother like your soul, guard him like the pupil of your eye."

(26) Jesus said, "You see the mote in your brother's eye, but you do not see the beam in your own eye. When you cast the beam out of your own eye, then you will see clearly to cast the mote from your brother's eye."

Minimize Hypocrisy

These aphorisms are clear even to the thick headed. Love your brother as you love your own eye, your own ability to see, the part of your eye that allows light in. Then Jesus adds, that normally you see what is blocking your brother's sight, but you do not see what is blocking your own.

There is still more depth available to those who desire it. How can you truly see what is blocking your brother's sight when yours is blocked? You cannot. Very simply, you project your blindness onto another rather than look at yourself. As long as all discord in the world is outside of you, there is no call to action.

As long as the messiah comes at another time and place, you are free to do as you please. You denied him last time, and you deny him this time. You do not want him, for he causes you to see the blindness in your eyes, your ignorance and hypocrisy. You worship the dead instead of the living. You tend to compare what a living master says to the dead words of those who have gone before.

Compare what they say to what *is*, to what YOU say. To what you see and feel. To what you KNOW, not what you think. What you say is what you believe, what you know is what you do. People SPEAK all day about how they know there is a God, then they ACT all day as if there is not one. They believe there is a God, but they know there is not one. Take the time to examine these things. If you do not do it today, you will never do it. Tomorrow does not exist, and the past is gone. Today. Today. Today.

You will die, and maybe in the next fifteen minutes. Do you want to re-experience the pain of this entire life again, just to be at the same place you are now? Several more questions may aid you in your quest:

1. What is worth dying for?
 - a. That is what is worth living for
2. If you could change one thing in the world, what would it be?
3. If you were to die in the next fifteen minutes, what would make your life worth living?
 - a. What would justify your existence
4. Describe the perfect day?

- a. Now live it
5. Assume you just lived your perfect day, now what do you want to do?
 6. Describe your perfect job assuming money is not a problem?

Enough for now. Answer these questions, act, and you will begin to live a perfect life. Go out and live. The only way to learn is to make mistakes. These are the experiences worth living. If you were born in balance you would be dead, there would be no reason to live at all. You would not even know that you lived, for everything would be perfect and in balance, there would be no differentiation to show you YOURSELF. Revel in the variety, for that is life.

See the mote in your own eye. That is enough. Once that is done you will know what to do, worry not about the mote in your brother's eye that may or may not even exist.

(27) Jesus said, "If you do not fast as regards the world, you will not find the kingdom. If you do not observe the Sabbath as a Sabbath, you will not see the father."

Worship and Obsession

The Sabbath day is about oblation to God. It is about worship. Two key concepts are appropriate for discussion here. What is worship, and when is the Sabbath. Everyday is the Sabbath, spend everyday honoring God, honor your creator by worshipping it.

You are created by the universe, whether God created the universe and is the universe is immaterial. You know without any doubt that you were generated from the parts of the universe. Worship it. What is worship?

Worship is enjoying things for what they are, honoring them. How does one honor? By using all of a thing for its intended purpose. Like the Native North American buffalo hunters you are to worship. They used ALL of the animal, they wasted nothing. By eating what you can use, you worship.

Gluttony is a prime example of abuse and poor stewardship. You eat what you cannot use, resulting in sewage overflow into the environment and ill health. You will hear religions everywhere talking about sexual austerity, not using harsh language etc. But what about waste? What about buying a yacht that no one else can use, yet it uses tons of resources and sits in berth 95% of its time? This is greed at its worst, failure to use what you have.

I am not saying that nice things are wrong, wasting them is. Use what you have WISELY, then more will be given to you. Abuse what you have and it is taken away, just ask any alcoholic! Spend every moment as a worship of your creator, enjoy and utilize all that it offers you. This is the divine life. If you do not value your life it will be taken from you, you will not see what is right in front of you, you will fail to see the universe all around you. You are blind.

(28) Jesus said, "I took my place in the midst of the world, and I appeared to them in flesh. I found all of them intoxicated; I found none of them thirsty. And my soul became afflicted for the sons of men, because they are blind in their hearts and do not have sight; for empty they came into the world, and empty too they seek to leave the world. But for the moment they are intoxicated. When they shake off their wine, then they will repent."

Drunken with the Material World

This is the fate of all masters. They birth themselves into this world only to find all drunken around them, intoxicated upon the pleasures of the material. They find their people lost in fleeting pleasures instead of deep in the eternal ones. They are lost outside instead of found inside.

Self-masters show the truth, yet people insist on arguing in terms of their addictions. "What do you mean you cannot see the eternal world, master? How is that going to help me get better progeny, food, shelter, and sex? What do you mean that I already have bliss? If I have bliss how can I enjoy my intoxicant?" All addicted. All wasted.

Little Johnny

They hear with their minds, but not with their hearts. From an early age they are taught to lie. Ms. Jones comes over with a new haircut. She asks little Johnny, "What do you think?" He says that he doesn't like it. Ms. Jones tells Johnny's mother that he is a rude boy. All Johnny did was tell the truth.

His mother tells him not to tell the truth. Hence the first contradiction comes. "Johnny, never tell a lie." For years, his mother says, do not lie. Then one day, she tells him that lying is ok in certain circumstances. When it will hurt someone's feelings it is ok to lie. When he is older, he breaks a prized vase, he thinks, "Hmmm if I tell mom the truth it will hurt mine and her feelings. I must lie." Few children ever reason their way out off this dilemma.

Some children do. Let's examine this situation. When someone asks you for a compliment passive aggressively, they are stealing. When Ms. Jones asked Johnny how she looked, she did not want the truth. She wanted to be told that she looked good.

This complement is a theft. She wants free energy from a little boy. If she wants to be paid, she must ask. This is the rule of the universe, ask and ye shall receive. She might say, "This haircut makes me feel good, tell me how good it looks on me." She may not be feeling well, and have decided to get a new hairdo to make

herself feel better. Then she can say, “I like this new haircut, tell me it looks good.”

Whenever someone behaves passive aggressively, they are often thieves, stealing that which does not belong to themselves. They get paid in good feeling from your lie. Who pays for your lie? You do. That is right, this is the worst kind of theft. From a young age you try to help, and it makes you weaker and weaker. Our societies are designed to reward theft.

Your parents usually teach you to ignore the voice of truth in your childhood. After thirty years, you have built up investment in your falsehood. When you finally meet a master, he speaks truth and his light hurts you. It enlightens your ugly hypocrisy. You have two choices, ignore the little voice, and hold on to your investment, your false conception of the world. Or, throw out the lies, and live anew.

I speak to a man of sixty. He has been living this lie for sixty years, he is going to die in ten. Rather than discard the past sixty years and live ten real years, he holds on to the drunken vision. People have an empty life of lies they wish to hold onto. Luckily for them lies cannot go with them into the next world. You come into this world empty, and because you only have lies, you leave empty- Better than leaving with the lies, then you would just dig deeper and deeper. Yet somehow, people manage to live this eternal hell too.

(29) Jesus said, "If the flesh came into being because of spirit, it is a wonder. But if spirit came into being because of the body, it is a wonder of wonders. Indeed, I am amazed at how this great wealth has made its home in this poverty."

First there was spirit, or concept. The universal had an idea, it encased it into flesh. This is the body coming into being because of soul. What is more amazing still is when we reverse the order. When your soul shines through your body, it is a wonder of wonders. That is what masters try to show you, how to shine eternally through the finite. It is amazing to us how you can reside in the poverty of ignorance. It stuns us to see the infinite believing it is finite, it shocks us to see the eternal trying to be temporary. Why would you want to know only this impermanent world?

(30) Jesus said, "Where there are three gods, they are gods. Where there are two or one, I am with him."

"Gods," or Cosmic Principles

Gods are cosmic principles. Humanity has trouble of conceiving of anything greater than itself. The sun gathers human characteristics, as do animals and everything else under the sun. Even their divine being has human traits, jealousy, and ego. The overarching principle of the universe I know of has a mixture of everything. So ancient humans called these cosmic laws, "Gods."

Nothing can exist in the created which is not present in the creator. The universe is created out of the creator itself. It used a part of itself, for it is the infinite, it is the ALL. Thus, anything conceived of is from this Father. "HE" is the conceptualization of reality, "SHE," the mother, is the manifestation of it. Together, father and mother create us. The masculine, the ideation, the feminine, the manifestation.

Three Gunas

Hence, the Gods are sub-principles of these two universals. Vedantins choose three principles which underlie all others. These are those of inertia, change, and equilibrium. These correspond with three gunas, or qualities: Tamas, Rajas, and Sattva. According to the ancients, the entire manifested universe is comprised of different collections of these principles. Quantum physics finds parallels to these, as do many other sciences such as chemistry and astrophysics.

Due to the fact that these ideas are extremely opaque and dead for most seekers, they are usually described in terms of Gods. Ancient science merged with art. It was not considered complete if it only fulfilled technical requirements. For anything to be complete ancient masters required it to be aesthetically pleasing too.

Dogma of the Day

An important note is merited here. We believe that we are the pinnacle of human development, that ancient builders constructed the pyramids of Africa and the Americas with no knowledge of the wheel. That the squatters in these places when Western Europe discovered them were descendants of the original creators.

By this logic, they were created by Europeans. Huh, you say? The majority of churches built in the early invasion of the Americas were built out of the temples of the locals on sacred local sites. Thus, the original builders of these pyramids

must be European, as that is who lives there now. We know that this is inaccurate.

It gets better. There is a man named Edward Leedskalin who immigrated to the United States from Latvia. In the early part of the 1900's he claimed to have rediscovered the principles the ancients used to construct massive stone works without our ideas of machinery. Claims of this sort are not new.

What makes this case interesting, is that he build massive works at Coral Castle in Florida, USA by himself, without known assistance. Seeing these works will, at the least, cause one to question orthodox objective science, which is littered with inexplicable phenomenon.

Yet now it is the dogma of the day. Note even the term, "orthodox" science. It was new to Western Europe after the Dark Ages after a slave driving religion crushed all competing ideas. Before the church, Europeans knew that the Earth was round, and that it revolved around the sun.

The church made it illegal to read and write in its early days. It created oppressive laws which enslaved all of the people. Specifically, lay persons suffered the pain of death for reading the scriptures. This enabled the slave masters to justify anything they wanted to. Do not forget the inquisition, where even believers were tortured into confessing trumped up "sins." Even the greatest message of liberation can be co-opted for oppression.

Hitler's information minister Josef Goebbels understood this well. He stated that for a lie to be effective in politics or government, it must be huge, and repeated often. Sound familiar. "Jesus, the resurrected was the only begotten son of the father god." The organized church fathers created a mythical Jesus figure that fulfilled all of the requirements of local religions worldwide. They even made his birthday in December to correspond with a Roman God.

This does not require a conspiracy of large proportions. You have a group of selected individuals who want to control a large number of people. They can read and write whereas the subjects cannot. They hold money and power, and they use it. Even if their intent was to liberate the people, absolute power corrupts absolutely. Concentrated power is dangerous. It encourages corruption by the buttressing of the belief in human infallibility.

Infallibility

For yourself, you are always infallible. Even when you drive drunk, and you murder someone, you have done what you set out to do. Bear with me. You intended to drive while inebriated. Your free gift is that you got to kill someone

too. What you do with that lesson is your business. For others, you are always fallible. I do not tell you what the truth IS in a vacuum, I SHOW you how to discover it within yourself. Once you know how to read yourself you have no need to ask anyone else what you are and what you see, you KNOW. And you have no need to tell others what they are or believe.

Science supplanted the Church dogma of the Western world. Its first adherents were rebels, just like early Christians. Once it became the rule, the same dogmatic thought invaded it. Any non-standard idea is ridiculed by orthodox “priests” of science. Gantebrink created a small robot which discovered something new in the Great Pyramid at Giza, entirely outside the standard scientific community.

Instead of lauding his ingenuity like the fathers of modern Western discourse, the inheritors mocked and slandered him. They do this readily to anyone who steals their thunder. The reason? Ill will? Not exactly. When an idea becomes mainstream, modern business gets involved to make money.

With their thunder goes their money. They do not want to lose their livelihood. Furthermore, their egos are invested heavily in their external reputations. I make no qualms about this. A person rarely has anything more than his or her word in this world. We spend much time trying to defend and prove ours to be reliable. Nonetheless, it still hurts to have people slander, libel, and attack me from a distance safe from cross examination.

Yet that is part of the perfect life. You get to know all of the human emotions fully, with no mixed perspectives. Your whole being is in concert as one. Your joy is ecstasy, and your sorrow deep. In your heart you feel them all, for that is the privilege of being human. The difference, with self-mastery, is that you never lose clarity of purpose. Live with passion, for without passion, you are dead.

Here we link another saying of oneness, of life:

"Where there are three gods, they are gods. Where there are two or one, I am with him."

Your senses are metaphors for Gods, for cosmic principles. The eyes represent the principle of light, the enlightening principle. It shows things in all of their naked glory. All of your senses are such. When they compete, they are Gods, competing without balance.

When they are balanced as two, there is equilibrium, when they are *one*, they are undifferentiated. Here are the three principles again. You have the static, the

One. Then there is the dynamic, several. Finally there is balance, the two. When you are balanced, you have the unifying principle, or the Eternal.

(31) Jesus said, "No prophet is accepted in his own village; no physician heals those who know him."

Wisdom of the Self-Master

This verse states simply that those who know a master before his maturity never believe that the young boy who wore diapers could be this ancient elder. To his childhood relations, he is always little Y'shua. A doctor cannot heal those who he hurt as a kid. If there is doubt, one can never heal one's self, or hear the truth. The subject will disregard what is to be said or done before it even occurs.

Just ask my friends from growing up, the ones I drank to excess with. They say, "Aw, Gouthum? He's just another punk like me." Yet, don't we all start from cell division as embryos? Some claim that Buddha and Jesus were divinely inspired by God, so that they do not use flesh. This common myth threads its way throughout human history, oral and written.

But isn't all flesh divinely inspired? Spirit before matter. Energy before matter. Non-physical before physical, unmanifest before manifest. Neuropsychologists have a new study out where they measure brainwaves corresponded with thoughts. They find that the waves start BEFORE a thought occurs to someone. Prior to even the thought of motivation, energy amasses in the brain of the subjects.

Academic Knowledge Versus Wisdom

More importantly, if self-masters are any different than you, what good is their wisdom? If they have not walked the road, what can they tell you about it? All wisdom is hard earned, like yours, that is where its meaning comes from. Self-masters have experienced what you have. That is why what they say has value.

There is no such thing as "book learning," if you cannot apply what you have learned, you have learned nothing. If you cannot apply it, you may UNDERSTAND, you certainly do not KNOW.

(32) Jesus said, "A city being built on a high mountain and fortified cannot fall, nor can it be hidden."

(33) Jesus said, "Preach from your housetops that which you will hear in your ear. For no one lights a lamp and puts it under a bushel, nor does he put it in a hidden place, but rather he sets it on a lampstand so that everyone who enters and leaves will see its light."

These verses go well together. Simply, be, yourself, a city built atop a high mesa and fortified. In ancient Israel there was a city named Masada. It was a fortress fortified upon a hill. Although it could not hide, the Romans could not tackle it with an Army. Eventually it surrendered. Politics aside, it did not *fall*, whatever the method of its submission.

The master instructs his students to preach from the housetops, high places, that which they hear from him. He exhorts them to *share* what he teaches, not to "convert." There are only to shout from the hills what they have heard from a master. As a parallel, he likens them to lamps. No one hides a light under a bushel, they set it upon a stand to be seen. People put the lamp where others can share its light.

(34) Jesus said, "If a blind man leads a blind man, they will both fall into a pit."

The Blind Leading the Blind

Here we have the news of Jesus day, and ours for that matter. The blind are those who are unenlightened. Thus, the unenlightened can only lead other unenlightened people into a pit. A pit is darker than where you were before you fell into it. Thus, these unenlightened teachers can only lead you into a darker place.

Most teachers these days have partially applied their own teachings. How can they teach about that which they know not? Few walk the road to know its beginning and end. Most read about it from someone else who does not know. Read translations of those who experience the truth. One way to know these authors' veracity, is through the logical infallibility of their statements.

Another way, is that these statements are brief and concise. This is how their truth is known. Universal truths are narrow enough to maintain consistency, and only broad enough to have meaning. That the Earth revolves around the sun is universal. No matter how far away you get from the Earth, it still rotates around the sun; even if the whole solar system, by definition rotates about the star.

After reading these statements and reordering all of the logic in your brain, practice the truths. Always, review your thoughts, words, and deeds against these statements. After consolidating your practice into your own nature, return the heart. Question how you reel about your condition. Any disciplined seeker can *do* anything. There is nothing he or she cannot renounce.

But if you keep having the feeling for the renounced object, it is part of you. Very simply, we breathe. If you truly are perfect, you do not need to breathe anymore. You will transcend this physical plane. But if you hold your breathe and when you pass out, your body starts to breathe again, you are not done with this world. Very simply, you are here for a reason that you have chosen in the annals of time. Until this is fulfilled, you will continue rotating through corporeal existence.

The Emperor Has No Clothes

In the story of the emperor having no clothes, the authors generally censor the true results. A group of merchants come to a rich emperor. This leader has a desire for the best. His country, and himself mandate the best of all things. These business persons know that this emperor has amassed great wealth and they wish to make the greatest profit.

They sell him invisible clothes which cost them nothing. You see, the clothes don't exist. The hucksters tell him that only the most cultured will be able to see the fabric. To shorten the story I will get to the climax. There is a parade held in honor of the profiteers in which the new clothes are donned by the vain leader. A little boy with no prejudices or preconceived notions states emphatically that his emperor is naked!

Because he is a child, the pretentious believe that he is not refined enough to see the garments. The audience laughs. Unfortunately for Jesus, he was not a child. But this is how it must be. For the truth to be heard, it must come from a source that is undeniable. Not that the source must be externally "perfect," but that it must undeniably exist.

When he speaks, the merchants chase him down, and state that he must have stolen the perfect garments. The suit is lies. It is sold to the ignorant throughout time. Masters reveal the cloak of lies behind which people imagine their ugliness is covered. This job is dangerous and fulfilling.

The Return to Life

After the phase of minimization and renunciation, one has to reintegrate with the world fully for several reasons. One, is that life is about living, and you would not be here if life was not part of your visit to Earth. Another is that every person has a *raison d'être*, or reason for being. Only your heart can tell you this. Remember that the one thing you know beyond all doubt is the one thing that you cannot prove externally: You exist.

Remove the bad habits of old, and then you will be able to see what you are. Be that. Follow those who have sight, they will show you how to discover your own eyes. Those who are enlightened seek no slaves. They want to show you your own liberty and feel the joy of seeing themselves through your newly opened eyes. The universe wants to know itself. Know yourself and you become known.

(35) Jesus said, "It is not possible for anyone to enter the house of a strong man and take it by force unless he binds his hands; then he will (be able to) ransack his house."

Your hands are your tools of action of giving and receiving. When someone wishes to take what is yours they need to bind your hands. That is what liars and thieves seek to do. They desire to take what is yours without paying. The best thief exerts the minimum of force, thus, the best thieves are liars as well.

They convince you with lies to put your hands in your pockets, preferably behind your backs. Then they can steal not only all of what is yours, but what is in your pockets as well. That which is visibly yours, and that which is hidden in your pants as well. The robbers bond your hands with lies. They convince you that you are incapable of defense, that your "hands are bound." You are a slave to their lies.

Liars and Thieves

Much organized religion teaches you that everything that is yours is God's. This is no leap for even the simplest of minds. They then convince you that they are God's designated representative here to collect what is his for redistribution. Ahem. Excuse me? God has already distributed, yet he needs a physical organization of men to distribute his wealth again? No, God uses the universal physical laws to distribute.

As a clarification here, helping other is not wrong. However, God does not *need you* to do it. You can help others if that fills an internal need, just know that you are doing it for yourself. Now, you can explain yourself as part of God, and claim that you are acting in his name. But you one cannot be sure of this unless he or she is already fully consistent internally and externally, logic *and* action. The quickest way to render this consistency is through living as an observer with minimal interactions. Yet those who have done this are not likely to read this book.

Your residence is your body, and your only true possession is your energetic soul. Even the matter from our body is borrowed from the Earth and one of the 60,000,000,000 inhabitants of Earth who has had it before. So, the soul is what these slavers wish to ransack. They do it by binding you with lies. Then they live off of your soul energy.

(36) Jesus said, "Do not be concerned from morning until evening and from evening until morning about what you will wear."

As usual with masters, there are many layers to their statements. There is the top layer, not to worry about material things. Do not be concerned with the mundane. Answer the deep questions and all of the shallow become clear. This sentence transitions us to the next level.

The deeper import is not to worry about how you WILL cover yourself. Covering is a way of hiding what you are. That is one of the deeper meanings of the Genesis myth. It states that knowledge of duality cause the first people to try to lie, to hide their true forms. To lose themselves in the animal natures, versus finding the balance of God and animal that humans are.

Jesus makes clear that his students are not to worry about clothing or hiding any part of themselves. He also uses the future tense, to emphasize that what they are hiding with now can be considered, but not used as future coverings.

(37) His disciples said, "When will you become revealed to us and when shall we see you?"

Jesus said, "When you disrobe without being ashamed and take up your garments and place them under your feet like little children and tread on them, then will you see the son of the living one, and you will not be afraid"

Open Your Eyes

Here the man from Galilee takes the metaphor further. His disciples are asking about when THEY can see him. Though, they coin the questions in terms of passive voice, "when will you become revealed." The quick answer is that he will be revealed IN THEIR EYES when they open them. Since this is difficult, He makes it easier.

He tells them that when they lose their lies they will see him. When a so called rebellious child is first clothed, he or she will fight them. They will be clothed one minute, and the next they are running naked through the yard. Why is this? Is it because the child is evil? Is it because it is born in sin? Neither nor.

Clothing covers our own ill thoughts. There is nothing evil or ugly about the human form, especially in childhood. Naked babies are beautiful, just as they are born. Why do we clothe them? We have standards of morality which teach shame for our children. Whether this is do to the lasciviousness of adults can be debated.

Regardless, the child senses the dishonesty of clothing. Originally it was only an extension of shelter. Tropical citizens were not immoral before the arrival of invading Western Europeans. The men and women covered only the necessary areas for health. No worries though, body consciousness has been indoctrinated into everyone. This shame is now part and parcel of existence on the majority of Earth.

When you lose the prejudices indoctrinated into you by society, you become liberated. You discover the part of you that was stomped out of you as a child. When you can drop this yoke of fakery you lose your fear. An easier way to think of it may be that when you drop the fear of others and their prejudices you lose your own. When you discard these vestigial ideas your sight is cleared to see the living ones. Those that live in the now.

(38) Jesus said, "Many times have you desired to hear these words which I am saying to you, and you have no one else to hear them from. There will be days when you will look for me and will not find me."

The Master is in the Now, Live in the Present

Here the Hebrew master laments for his disciples. They have desired to hear his truth forever. They have no other master to hear them from, yet they still fail. These are the days when they look for him and cannot find him. All the days the disciples live in the past or present, they fail to see their chosen teacher.

It is sad to see these sons of God wait eternity to meet their own personal master in the flesh. They try so hard with their minds to hear him. Yet only he or she who has ears to hear can hear, or eyes to see can see. They listen with their minds not their hearts. One who thinks his way through truth will always miss it in the end.

The first part is about reasoning. Youth is about familiarization with the senses of this plane of Earth. A parent's job is to teach familiarization. Hot and cold, pain and pleasure, growth and stagnation. Then the child is to teach him or her self what they look like here by using these senses. You use your minds to cognize what you are feeling.

Once you know your feelings in concert with your body and mind, you listen to your soul. When the three are in concert you are one. Then you ARE. These men listen to their master with their intellects. Then they forget to drop the intellect and use the body-mind-intellect as one.

There is an ancient proverb that describes the intellect as a thorn in the side. A seeker must use a thorn to remove this thorn and then *discard both*. Seekers fall so much in love with the intellect that they identify themselves with it. They fail to ditch the tool when they are done.

Imagine using a doctor to heal yourself. After the surgery you think that you are the doctor. This is not unheard of with nurses. Soldiers returning from battle often fall in love with the nurse, mistakenly identifying the healing with the healer. Some have trouble with this idea.

They fail to drop the intellect. They intellectually realize, *thinking* themselves into existence rather than *knowing* themselves. It is a shallow life you have that you can only think your reality. You must think, feel, and *know* it. That is perfection. Intellectual realization is a dead thing without life. You would not have incorporated into a body if you did not want the whole experience. You can

be a disembodied soul floating around the planet if you want that. It is a horror to understand, but not to know.

Truth is, you just have but to experience oneness to know immortality. Ask while here in the body, then you will know. Ask what you want to know, ask *how to know*. Self-masters can tell you how it feels, but only when they show you, or you experience it on your own can you integrate it into your everyday existence.

The Process of Perfection

Know this though, the first experience itself is grace, sometimes discovered during making love, other times when painting a picture, composing a song, or running a race. The real work begins when you try to maintain it in all places and at all times. This is the marvelous work which occupies the rest of your existence, the “process of perfection.” It lasts forever, for if it ended or began it would not be immortal.

A friend of mine once took me to Missouri, USA. He wanted me to experience his life. I got more and more frustrated as he took me from place to place.

Eventually I hammered him, as I had been known to do. “What the hell are we doing?” He said that I wanted him to tell me what was going on with him in “The Show me State.” The motto of Missouri is that it is the “Show me state.” His thought stuck with me. We can show you how it feels within, we can give you the tools. You have to combine them to make your recipe. The recipe is your perfect life, you are the chef, grocer, and diner. Make your masterpiece.

(39) Jesus said, "The pharisees and the scribes have taken the keys of knowledge (gnosis) and hidden them. They themselves have not entered, nor have they allowed to enter those who wish to. You, however, be as wise as serpents and as innocent as doves."

In ancient cultures the serpent is known for wisdom, and the dove for innocence. It is no coincidence that the Church fathers chose the genesis myth where the serpent is thought of as manipulative. Although there are many metaphors for the serpent, we read it here to mean that the priest class wants to keep people enslaved.

Four Types of Knowers

These so called masters are not enlightened, they are blind. They cannot lead anyone anywhere except into a deeper pit. The Vedantic masters state that there are four types of people:

1. Those who know-learn from them
2. Those who know that they don't know-teach them
3. Those who don't know that they don't know-pity them
4. Those who don't know but think that they know-run from them

The Pharisees and Scribes are number four, those who seek truth are number two. Number fours can only cause number twos to get further lost. They have hidden the keys of knowledge by censoring and limiting what masters have said. You cannot censor the instructions which you don't understand. These fathers took out the stuff that they did not understand, or as popes have admitted, they spoke of truths for the initiated and different ones for the uninitiated.

Unfortunately the deep truths were not released until later, and not from the church authority. Whether they were lost or not is immaterial. You are here now with the ability to understand what the laymen of the last two thousand years could not. Use your intellect to sift through ALL of the words. Do not suffer from the ignorance of religious fathers that had no knowledge of even bacteria, much less cancer, and radiation.

These religious slavers want you to be innocent as doves, but without the wisdom of the serpent. A serpent never holds a grudge, though it does bite when threatened. A dove just gets eaten. Organized priests want you to support their church without knowing whether their paths lead to the infinite. For they have not walked. Some have, watch them, by the feeling you get, you will know if they are masters. Walking the path alone does not make one a master. A master is one who understands the path, walks the path, feels the path, KNOWS the path.

Institutions seek to perpetuate themselves. Thus, where the organized religion is, the truth is not. Most institutions care not about your soul, but your body. As soon as we create a movement around a master or idea, we have separated ourselves from truth. We begin to worship the movement or master, we lose the ends, and follow the means.

(40) Jesus said, "A grapevine has been planted outside of the father, but being unsound, it will be pulled up by its roots and destroyed."

I Heard it Through the Grapevine

Parables of vineyards are common in texts of the children of Abraham. Mormons also share a wonderful one in their book delivered by their prophet, Joseph Smith. A vineyard has several fields, each one has its own grape vine. When you want to change an entire crop, all you do is graft a small branch, or stub, into one section of the vine. This small 6-8 inch stub changes the entire flavor of the vine.

So when a vine goes bad, you often uproot the entire crop. This is disastrous for the farmer, or vintner. For God it is harsh, nothing is utterly disastrous when you have eternity to plan and execute. Here, the metaphor describes those who are outside of the truth, or living in untruth, as unsound. Jesus states that the entire of the lies of those who live in their dream worlds will be uprooted and destroyed.

What does this mean? It means that anyone who lives in the past and future, who is cloaked in their ideas about the world versus in the eternal world, will be destroyed. This is the bad news, you, as you think of yourself now, are doomed to die. You are the collection of your ideas about what the world is. These ideas are a collection of your eternal unfinished business, and that business you have executed in this lifetime.

These current actions will sometimes bear fruit in this life, and other times they need to wait for another incarnation. Jesus states in other places that if you follow his path that you will finish your account in one life, *this one*. That aside, your skin suit, or animal skin as some call it, will fall into dust as it dies this life. The true you, your eternal soul as it was created, will continue. This is the good news.

Ah, the good news. That is the message of the masters. Depending upon your perceptions, you will hear this news as good or bad. If you are ready to seek the eternal, if you are done with the finite, it is moving news. Miracles will not convince you to move forward. For these are physical manifestations of eternal truth. If you seek physical magic, you are still trapped in this world.

But if you seek internal fulfillment from within, instead of without, you are ready for the good news. Your eternal soul lives eternally and never dies. You are living in the largest virtual reality construct you have ever created. You think that you hurt, and that you experience joy. Yet all of your feelings are tied to this realm, they stay here!

Your contact with the divine, uncensored and unadulterated truth, that continues. It never disappears, though it may seem to fade. These experiences push the path

under your feet. They keep you moving from the beginning to the end, and around again. In plain words, when you feel something infinite that lasts forever, you have contacted the divine.

Some examples of this include the eyes of a child as it first looks into the world. When you feel that gaze, you know that something lasts forever. That feeling. When you experience the heights of sexual ecstasy, you KNOW that divinity exists. It is sad that in misunderstanding the masters many feel that sex is a hindrance rather than a help. It is the clearest physical manifestation of polarity balancing. Sexual union shows the joining of male and female. Some paths to perfection involve merging with the feeling of this moment and examining it. They involve remembering this feeling and providing it to one's self energetically without a partner.

I do not mean only physical masturbation. I mean a richness of memory such that in your deep meditation and contemplation, you revisit the moment of union. Some get lost here, and become wandering zombies, talking to themselves, and drooling. Others get obsessed with returning to this moment through physical excess. Everything on this planet and plane is for you to experience yourself in the physical plane.

You wanted to know what you were. So you created the physical world, and condescended into it in an infinite variety of ways. This allowed "you" to "forget" yourself, which in turn, allowed you to "remember" yourself. Ignorance and knowledge are heads and tails of the same coin. Without one you cannot have the other. To know one, you must know the other. This is the beauty of the bipolar world. Even more, this is the beauty of disequilibrium, it allows you to feel equilibrium.

When it all becomes ONE in your experience, you do not lose conception of the entire world of many forms. Instead, you no longer judge the forms as separate and right or wrong. They become a wonderful kaleidoscope of colors. Differences arising, only to merge again into a whole, back into a million million parts. Like colors of the rainbow, they merge into white light without the prism. The being that is one sees both white light and its components at all times.

(41) Jesus said, "Whoever has something in his hand will receive more, and whoever has nothing will be deprived of even the little he has."

REAL and UNREAL

The text spends much time describing the REAL and UNREAL as ancient sages describe the two polarities. There are some guidelines for the truth or the infinite, for that which always is, THE UNIVERSAL. Other characteristics delineate the UNREAL. It is important to note that these distinctions are only tools for Discrimination, or Viveka. It is not that *nothing* exists, but that *everything* exists.

It is upon you to discover what it looks like where you are now. The first step to distinguishing the reality from where you stand now, is to determine where you stand. Before you can do that, you need to know what is. That is what Discrimination is for, discover what is. Once you understand that, then you can learn more.

UNREAL:

1. Birth
2. Death
3. Growth
4. Disease
5. Modification
6. Transience

For example, anything transient is not REAL. If it changes, it is not eternal. Something which is changing is really an aspect of something unchanging. Ask most children about something that never changes, and they will generally mention a mountain or a tree. As an adult, you know that this is not factually correct. As an advanced adult, you may extrapolate this to mean that EVERYTHING changes.

This deduction produces fear in most when first discovered. I remember at eight years old realizing that no one knew anything that did not have an exception. This meant that their truly is no predictive accuracy. That there is variation in everything. Even worse, I could not find a permanent landmark with which to define things. "Where is HERE?," I wondered. How can I define what IS, when there is no reference point. Needless to say I was twenty-nine when I had lived enough of my life to find formulate *my* understanding of the principle of universal or unchanging truth. Consciousness is in everything seen here and now. Thus the question reforms as, "Who am I without respect to anyone or anything else?" This question will be answered elsewhere.

What we can answer here, is that it is not that nothing exists, as people sometimes misread Buddha. For, if nothing exists, who are you? If you say, "I don't exist," who said it? Nothing will ever state, "I do not exist." This is a logical conundrum and an impossibility. As a human being you may lie and say that you know that you do not exist. If this were true, you would not say it, for who would you be talking to? The Mandukya Upanisad with Karika describes this illogic perfectly. A prudent seeker can learn much from its author, Gaudupada.

Now, if all we possess in our consciousnesses are transient ideas, untruths and half-truths that cannot stand alone for eternity, we have nothing! If we possess even one truth that is intransient, and timeless, we are eternal. By this statement, our life purpose is clear: Find one truth. This truth persists while all else decays.

(42) Jesus said, "Become passers-by."

Passers-By, Observers of the Now

What are "passers-by" ? When you see passers by, they appear transient to you. This appears fact, for you are trapped in your transient world of imagination. You live in the UNREAL. They are actually the ones who are REAL. Jesus is not dead, you are. He lives forever in the NOW. You live in the past and the future. There is no past and no future for one who knows what IS. When one finally becomes one with the eternal truths, he or she is known by all.

Thus, the person who appears to be passing by to you is actually the REAL. You are the one traveling upon your linear unreal path. You live in your mind, not in your heart and soul. Become a so called passer by, by becoming the observer of the infinite now. Be in the one place where you are, and you ARE always. As long as you mentally live in your thoughts about what is happening you are not experiencing what is happening, like a mouse in some cruel psychological experiment. You will never know where your cheese is, and you will never find it. You are thinking about where it is instead of finding it. You will starve to death while you are thinking about looking instead of looking.

(43) His disciples said to him, "Who are you, that you should say these things to us?"

Jesus said to them, "You do not realize who I am from what I say to you, but you have become like the Jews, for they (either) love the tree and hate its fruit (or) love the fruit and hate the tree."

Love the Fruit, Love the Tree

The disciples still do not recognize the master. They ask him to again explain himself in terms of something that they can understand. In kindness, he reminds them of the contrast between their professed questions and their actions. They ask who he is, when already he has told them and they did not listen. When you do not listen to what someone has already told you, how can that person explain with more words that you will fail to hear? When you do not listen, how will you even hear the statement telling you that you are not listening?

Even worse, Jesus explains, his so called true brothers treat him as the other Jews do. They either love the tree, love Jesus, and hate its fruit, his words and action. Or, they love his fruit, his words, and hate the tree, him. This common reception is the experience of many masters. People not only hate the light shining on their inconsistencies, they hate those that shine it even more. These people are so identified with their inconsistent thoughts about themselves that they think their only existence consists of these flawed rules.

When you destroy their fallacies, the people seek to destroy you. The ignorant feel that you are the source of their pain, rather than their own ignorance. Like the man who is fat. He hates the doctor who tells him he is a glutton. He creates a support group explaining how he is not "fat," that he is different. That the word fat really does not mean anything. That there is no such thing as fat or skinny.

Ask the glutton and he will say that this is not what he says. You see, fat people are those that are fatter than him. And skinny people are those that are skinnier than he. He may elaborate these arguments. You see, he is actually different. Those other people who appear like him are actually fat, **THEY** need to change their habits. Ask these others, they will say the same thing that this fellow says.

So when self-masters tell people that they are living lies, this audience hates them for speaking such hatred. Yet there is no hatred, masters have been fat, they have been drunken on their own lies. They have been addicted to rationalizations. Whatever you are capable of they are capable of more, *both better and worse*. This last statement alone is enough for some to hate you. Some will hate you because you can do more. Others will hate you because you choose to do more

within their same world. For if you are the same as them, they have no excuse for their weak performance and lack of character.

This last statement brings us to the next idea. Some will love what you say and hate you. They believe that your words are true, but you are not. When you are true, and they are not, you again shatter personal illusions. You cannot be living your philosophy that you believe and they do to, because again, they have no reason for their failures then.

So, they may love you, for you make them feel divine in your presence. They feel the peace within you. You are the mustard tree which has sprouted from the small seed of truth within. In this instance they hate your words, for they produce such a contrast with their experience of you. They want to bask in your glory instead of finding their own.

The others, want to find their own glory while denying yours. They sense the truth of your words, the unflinching courage of your words and logic. The unflagging way in which you can destroy illusions. They hate your success in contrast with your failures. It is easier for them to believe that you cannot live the truth either. Instead of seeking inconsistencies within themselves, they will try, using unenlightened eyes, to invent ones within you.

(44) Jesus said, "Whoever blasphemes against the father will be forgiven, and whoever blasphemes against the son will be forgiven, but whoever blasphemes against the holy spirit will not be forgiven either on earth or in heaven."

The Unforgivable Sin Against Truth

The verse above seems strange to rule oriented egos. How can one be forgiven for blaspheming against the father and son, but not the holy spirit? Try this in a fundamentalist sect where women are taught to serve their husbands before themselves and sexuality is considered a sin to be hidden. Where modesty is prized over truth but not over lies.

These are places where you are supposed to modest with respect to the perfect body God created, but not with the imperfect mind you have made. Sects where you can speak endlessly about your purity, but cannot be trusted to see nudity because you really have impure thoughts *by your own definition*. The truly pure in thought, word and deed, has no need for all of these external laws. He or she experiences consistency in all things. This person is ONE.

Anyone with dedication can find endless examples of this hypocrisy. Hypocrites blaspheme endlessly about the so-called father, the universal, the God, the Creator. They drone about the son, about man and woman, and children. These can be forgiven. But when they speak lies about universal truth, this is never forgotten. These actions enter the cosmic bank account and must be paid. There is almost no way to repent your way out of steering others away from oneness. No way to surrender your burden for enslaving others with your lies about the truth.

(45) Jesus said, "Grapes are not harvested from thorns, nor are figs gathered from thistles, for they do not produce fruit. A good man brings forth good from his storehouse; an evil man brings forth evil things from his evil storehouse, which is in his heart, and says evil things. For out of the abundance of the heart he brings forth evil things."

What Is in Your Heart Colors All that You Produce

Using the farm imagery again, Jesus explains where you will find good things. Truth does not come from lies, darkness not from light, nor light from darkness. From ill intent comes ill will. From ill will you find ill results. One cannot do the right thing for the wrong reasons. If you intend to do the wrong thing and fail, you are not doing the right thing. Your intent forever colors your actions, the intent of your heart; what you really *feel*, not what you believe.

Therefore, a man who has good things in his heart brings forth good things. The man with ill intent brings forth ill. The feelings you savor in your heart all of your days accumulate, that is what you radiate. No matter how much you *talk* about purity and abstinence from evil, if you covet all physical pleasures in your heart, you will be sharing ill.

Your energy radiates that which you feel deep in your soul. Compare this idea with verbal and nonverbal cues. When a child lies, his body often tells you. Children voice no, while nodding yes, or voice yes while nodding no. Try to do it yourself, nod the opposite answer to your statement. Hopefully it will be difficult for you. If not, you lie more than you believe you do.

A note is important here. I make no claims that lack of physical pleasure makes you pure. There is nothing noble about being cold, tired, and hungry, ask any soldier in the wintertime. Nobility is doing what is right your heart. Courage is following your convictions knowing that you have only the long-run to live with **yourself**. Self-punishment and self-denial are only punishment and denial without the proper methodology. Do not fall in love with denial because you cannot manage to live with abundance. If you cannot enjoy the world, do not call it evil. It is only the world, you are the one who has problems navigating it. Do the work inside, and the outside magically transforms. More accurately, when you transform your inner awareness, your outer awareness follows.

(46) Jesus said, "Among those born of women, from Adam until John the Baptist, there is no one so superior to John the Baptist that his eyes should not be lowered (before him). Yet I have said, whichever one of you comes to be a child will be acquainted with the kingdom and will become superior to John."

Surpass Even those You Deem the Greatest

John the Baptist initiated Jesus into the old ways of the Hebrews. He was a master of the battles of this plane. Yet, for John there was always good and evil, he had his prejudices. Although John outshined any before, and most afterwards, he has his limitations. He may have changed afterwards, that is outside the purview of this verse.

What falls under the purview, is the idea that one can surpass the greatest *man*, *yet*, in Jesus' tradition. All that one has to do is to become like a little child, without prejudices. Open minded and without judgment, while simultaneously knowing, without the child's ignorance. This last part shows why Jesus, always uses simile instead of metaphor when speaking of children. He says, "LIKE" children. He does not say to become children.

(47) Jesus said, "It is impossible for a man to mount two horses or to stretch two bows. And it is impossible for a servant to serve two masters; otherwise, he will honor the one and treat the other contemptuously. No man drinks old wine and immediately desires to drink new wine. And new wine is not put into old wineskins, lest they burst; nor is old wine put into a new wineskin, lest it spoil it. An old patch is not sewn onto a new garment, because a tear would result."

One Can Only Serve One Master

This verse is talking about the trap of duality. Much of my discourse focuses on the irony of this universe -the idea that life comes from duality, from polarity. On the convergence zones is where you always find life. That is also the source of our pain, this idea that we swing from one pole to the next. How we constantly seek to choose one side over another. How our illogic is the source of all of our pain.

If two horses are pointed in opposite directions, how can we mount both? When two masters seek divergent goals, how is one to serve them both? When you try to put the old into the new, you spoil both. When you try to put new into old, you are again left with a rotten core. The key to comprehending a master is to illuminate their words.

True scholarship consists of finding one who knows and learning from them. Each tool has its purpose. Please do not seek to learn how to make money from me. Although what I teach will make you better in all things, it only sees results in the long run. The longest run. The challenge is how to live everyday as if it were your last, but *never* at the expense of the past or future.

So, you may learn how to make yourself consistent from a self-master. You learn how to be true, or more accurately, to be TRUTH, to exist in the eternal now. To always know what it is you feel. To never experience anything half-heartedly again, learn how to *understand, know, and feel*. If you want to make a table, go to a master craftsman. If none are available, use the tools other masters have shown you to make yourself into one. Become master craftsmen.

Futility of Argument

When one finds the master, he or she commences to learning. The way to learn is to try to prove what the master says. You are not there to disprove the master, for you do not know what the master does. This does not mean that you discard logic or critical reasoning, it means that you are not here to argue with one who knows what you do not.

One could sit and argue *ad infinitum, ad nauseum* with anyone who does not know the truth. But one wastes precious time doing that. If you know something, great, share it. You cannot prove what someone *knows to be true* wrong, for he or she *knows*. Take an example. I smack you across the face smartly and loudly. Do you think that I can convince you that it did not hurt?

Do not answer so quickly, I can logically prove anything by changing the time scale of the perspective. I can **prove** it did not hurt you. You doubt me? Okay. Your blood, cells, brain, and body are constantly changing? Yes, you are in a state of dynamism? So the person who I smacked is no more. Neither am I the same anymore. Hence, “I” did not hurt, “you.”

So what does this example “prove?” It illustrates the futility of arguing with someone who knows what you do not. You know that it hurt, you *feel* it in your heart. No amount of mental hocus pocus can fool your heart. One can even pay any number of people to fabricate testimony and videos that you did not get smacked. Are you going to go to the mental hospital to take medications until your heart believes what your mind tries to convince you of, namely that you were not hit? Of course not. Like the martyrs of Eternity, you know what you know.

(48) Jesus said, "If two make peace with each other in this one house, they will say to the mountain, 'Move Away,' and it will move away."

Here again, the master talks about polarities being balanced in the body. Your body is the current home for your spirit in which you are divided. Not only are your masculine and feminine polarities out of balance, but your spirit and ego fight for control of it. Although your spirit speaks more quietly, it carries a larger stick than your ego. It continues, while your ego, or current created personality does not.

It is appropriate to delineate more of the model of existence in use here. Your soul is the energy which binds your matter together. Once in the body, you create a personality based upon your past experiences and current script for life. This personality allows you to engage in the types of activities you wish while still clearing out your cosmic balance.

This "personality" takes upon itself the immortality of the soul. It thinks that it is "you." Although this identification often assists you early in a life, it becomes a hindrance when you are ready to emerge from your chrysalis. When you are ready to realize your soul in a physical realm, this ego which protected your body does everything in its power to maintain its identity. It fears its death. This is the person you imagine is yourself.

Your soul never fears death for it is eternal. The way to discover your soul is to minimize your identification with this human body and ego as "you." Here the schools of perfection diverge. Some say that the body is not you at all. Others say that this whole existence is your dream and that you need to disavow *any* relationship with the body to awaken.

Body Reflects Soul-Inconsistencies and Illness

Rather than descend into the melee of religious battles, the key points are all that matter herein. Your body is a reflection of your soul. Its imperfections reflect inconsistencies within yourself. So when you are sick or out of balance mentally, spiritually and physically, there are several tracks to full health.

Let's say you have boils. This generally represents repressed anger. You can change your diet based on ancient wisdom, Ayurveda for example. This involves food, breathing, herbs, and possibly physical hatha yoga. You may also use essential oils. These will lower your physical manifestations. As your skin clears up, you may think yourself healed.

If the boils never return, even though you are able to return to your old lifestyle, you have already made the internal changes necessary. In fact, the boils

themselves were a symptom of past ills. Let me explain further. When you are born, you have seven key nerve plexuses throughout your body. You will know these as “chakras,” they have different names depending on your school of thought. These centers correspond to seven key endocrine glands.

When you are born, your energy level is lower, it takes time to fully mesh with the human form. Thus, children are rarely fully capable of manifesting their true selves. This explains why children are generally different than adults. There are exceptions. For example, some children are born with full heads of hair, and some even cross puberty long before reaching the teen years. Yet most things that do not follow the average are called “disorders.”

Although, those things that better allow you to hit the mean, extended patience, or let’s say a dull wit, are not diagnosed. For example, when a child has a dull wit, but follows orders extremely well, he or she is an “exceptionally good kid.” If your intelligence allows you to perform better than expected at any given age, in an area society appreciates, you are a prodigy.

There are many children stigmatized with this odd standard of assessment. Take the child who is really creative as a toddler, he or she tells wonderful stories about the imaginary companions created. When they are in their teens talking about imaginary friends, they are aberrant. When they use this imagination and tell stories past a certain age, the children are liars.

Teach Your Children Well

It is not prudent to drop of all standards of behavior or comparison. However, it is wisdom to utilize somewhat more flexible and fluid dialogues or categorizations. We must be careful using absolutes to illustrate standards of right or wrong to children. These types of statements inevitably lead to self-contradictions and illness.

Their moral code must be able to adapt to the situation. Tell children that stealing leads to unintended consequences, and give examples. Explain that they must be ready for these types of occurrences if they steal. For example, if you take mommy’s money out of her purse, she may not have the money to pay rent. Then you, Little Johnny may not have a place to live. You may be out on the street. We can give explanations and show them, while also allowing them the chances to learn on their own in semi-controlled environments.

These are some keys to parenting, explain the concepts that you have learned on this plane. Share your understanding that theft on this planet is taking without asking. That way, your children know what it is they are doing. It is surprising how well children understand when we speak *to* them instead of *at* them. This

does not mean that all kids will understand. Some eventually needed harsher discipline, and some easier. The discipline adapts to the listener.

Back to health. When you minimize the internal inconsistencies, perfect health results. You can command the truth when you are a master of yourself. This is what Jesus is saying. When you are not divided, your soul energy manifests directly into the universe. Though there are some caveats to emphasize. When you follow this “spirituo-psycho-physico path,” you are less likely to ask things out of concert with your soul and the environment around you. This ensures that when you tell a mountain to move it moves. The master is trying to show an extravagant example of the power you command as the creator of your own perspective.

Action, Inaction and Balance

You are not likely to abuse your privileges when you are in balance. The balanced individual does not act in such a way so as to accrue cosmic accounts balance. This is due to the fact that he or she renounces everything, only to renounce renunciation itself in the end in order to reintegrate back into society. Here we enter the concepts of “action,” “inaction,” and “*unaction*.”

The first is what we are familiar with, we encounter a situation, evaluate it based upon our past experiences. Then we act along the most likely probability for success. We see a knife on the floor. The service person remembers his or her parents stating *never* to leave a knife on the floor. This child was strictly disciplined in order to learn this lesson. The next type of person remembers that someone could step on it, and he or she picks it up. This generally works towards the preservation and balance of life in his or her experience. This is the warrior’s mentality, the lover of self-sacrifice.

A business person, will act differently. He would remember that he could get hurt, and that he profits by picking it up. He “earns” safety, by his investment in energy. The service person will walk right by unless they are told to pick it up. All are examples of action. This person actually uses inaction unless told to pick it up.

Finally the philosopher knows that a knife does not belong upon the ground, this person retrieves the blade because it is right. This is only *unaction* though if it is not contemplated. If the philosopher has to think about consequences and morals, he is really just another businessman or warrior. But if he is walking, not thinking of anything, and his nature automatically picks up the blade, he has not “acted.”

Hence, if you know yourself through and through, you do not need to “act” as anyone or anything, you are what you are. You automatically know what you

would do in any given situation, you do not need to think. Your thoughts generally revolve around several things, your senses, and a time scale of past or future. You are always evaluating what you have just seen, or what you may imagine you will see based on what you think that you just saw, or experienced.

Know What You Are

When you know what you are, you do not need to think about what you see or experience. You do not need to ask yourself if you saw a beautiful woman, or man, you know, for you know exactly what you classify as beautiful, and that your eyes have already seen it. This is all automatic. So you have no need to “think” about anything. Everything becomes natural. This is unaction at its purest. You gather no karmic debt, for you are fully following your innate nature. This is the goal for all, to know ourselves truly. We are here in this Age to learn how to do this. All masters show you an aspect of the process of self knowledge. Once you know yourself, the world is your co-creation and fulfillment. The fun part of this is that you must come to these things on your own. No one can prove to you that you live out of balance.

(49) Jesus said, "Blessed are the solitary and elect, for you will find the kingdom. For you are from it, and to it you will return."

The Elect

Masters seek the elect to deliver the message to, while the elect seek this guidance. These are those who are willing to take inner guidance to stand for what they are regardless of external circumstance. They seek to rediscover their liberty. They stand alone without peer, and without limitation. They find the kingdom, for they have the largest egos, which they use to self-destruct rather than dominate.

Some clarity here is in order. Those with the largest egos have the ability to walk off of the common path of sheep, of the mob mind. They have potential for great nobility and depravity. When they are willing to use this ego to consume itself, they become the solitary who stand alone as **one**. How is this possible? By being what they ARE deep within, they fulfill their niche in the universe. They become one with the universal flow of energy. Some call this the background radiation, others call it God. It does not matter what you call it.

The kingdom of God is the source energy of which we are all an inseparable part of. Our energy is always a part of it, though many are currently ignorant of this fact. Yet, when we stand apart from your historical behaviors, we see them as the trend that they are. When we stand apart from social constructs, we see the overall pattern of our existence. The global pattern that includes everyone and everything is the kingdom.

(50) Jesus said, "If they say to you, 'Where did you come from?', say to them, 'We came from the light, the place where the light came into being on its own accord and established itself and became manifest through their image.' If they say to you, 'Is it you?', say, 'We are its children, we are the elect of the living father.' If they ask you, 'What is the sign of your father in you?', say to them, 'It is movement and repose.'"

A Movement and a Rest

When people ask where you are from, you usually answer, "Albuquerque," or some place upon the Earth. When people ask you who you are, you commonly answer in terms of some group. I am an Indian, I am a Christian, I am Jew. Jesus says to answer in a more inclusive way, though it seems exclusive. He says to tell others that you come from the light.

He is specifically speaking to seekers at this point. Those who seek their infinite and eternal origins, those who need to discover their unchanging natures so as to find eternal bliss. The light that came into being of its own accord can be thought of as the "Big Bang," God, or the cosmic fire of God. Use whatever term you want. What it signifies, is the beginning of the manifest universe.

When you have no eyes, does that mean that the universe is not there? What about ears, nose, or mouth? In fact, what about no senses at all? Of course, the universe exists even without your objective external senses. Without objects, do your senses exist? Most would answer yes. So, your senses exist before the manifest universe of objects. That is where masters state you can claim your descent from.

The light which *is* self manifesting, is the light of the universe. Think of this as the enlightening principle discussed elsewhere. This conceptual principle is what precedes the physical. The universe manifested itself on its own out of itself. This is the process of self-substantiation. When you have merged with your own divine origins by listening to your own vibration, you are able to see the reflection of everything else within you.

Thus, by knowing one's self, you know your origins. When you answer others who ask, you are to say that you are offspring of the divine, the infinite, therefore, you are infinite as well. The ignorant will ask you how to know the sign of this awareness within yourself, you are to say that the sign is "movement and repose."

Your Niche

When you are aware of your place in the universe, *your own unique* place, you behave in a certain manner. You are an absolutely necessary component of existence. You matter. Without you, the universe would not be what it is, and it can neither create nor destroy you. You are part of it, integral. As far as you are concerned, when you are gone the universe is gone, for with you goes your conception of it. What you know as the universe ceases when you cease. Hence, you never cease, and neither does the universe.

So what does this movement and repose look like. Remember the states of movement again, the gunas, or qualities. These are inertia, change, and equilibrium. In plain language these are the steady state, the state of change, and balance. When a system is constant, it is in a steady state, a train at a steady speed, its movement is imperceptible to the passengers. In fact, it cannot be proven whether the train moves or the rails. It all depends on perspective, which obviously changes. From the universal perspective, either everything moves relative to each other, or nothing does, take your pick.

NOTE: Example of relative movement and Earth. How come a we don't fly to one side or the other of the planet. A plane has to fly around the planet. The air moves with the atmosphere.

When a system is in a state of change, you perceive the movement. This is when something is changing its rate of motion relative to something else. Imagine the train as it accelerates. You can feel this change. When a system is in a state of balance, you have ordered movement. Think of the point directly between when a clock pendulum is switching directions. It neither moves, nor is it static. Movement and a repose feels like being that pendulum. You have not stopped, yet you do not seem to be in motion.

A material example is the man of unaction mentioned before. It is the person who exerts no excess energy in motion. The relaxed Tai Chi Chuan practitioner, the cowboy who is one with his horse. The woman who swims and glides with the water. When all of these lose their minds in their BE-ing, they are a movement and a repose. Those who are merged with their niche in the universe, or their divine, remain in this state of firm relaxation. When you feel a master, this is the feeling you have, that of relaxed power. Potential energy that is not stagnant, but flowing. It feels like a steady current of power, throbbing, vibrating, and resonating.

(51) His disciples said to him, "When will the repose of the dead come about, and when will the new world come?"
He said to them, "What you look forward to has already come, but you do not recognize it."

See What the Eternal Right Front of You

Yet again, the disciples ask for a future occurrence from the man who lives in the now. They ask when will the dead rest and the eternal life come? Their master tells them that the dead are at rest whenever there is a living master present. That in Jesus the dead are at rest, and the new world *is*.

How can this be? The world is always the world, and it is always in existence. Only those trapped in the time loop of present and future miss it. All that it takes for the dead to receive rest, and for those alive to live, is one who recognizes life. If the universe is really all one Absolute, if truth is this infinite, then, all that must occur is for one part of it to know itself. Then the rest knows it as well. Think of it like the brain and the body. The brain is aware of the body's existence; sometimes it takes a little while for the feet to get the message though.

So when you wish to know what the cosmic mind is telling you, wait and have patience. Dull the drone of your cells competing for your attention, and try to hear the messages of the "brain." If the foot seeks outside to see what the brain is telling it, it will never know what it is being told. But if it quiets the cells it is in charge of, it will know its role as the conveyor of the body.

Remember that if you listen to the foot cells as to where to go, you will drown. For once you hit a beach, the sand is soft. The cells of the sole will keep you walking deeper and deeper into the soft sand. These cells are ignorant of the rest of the body, especially the lungs and their oxygen exchanging ability. While the feet walk out to sea, the body submerges into the water and you die. Quiet your basal cells and listen to your higher functioning ones. Listen to the masters and find the truth within. Worst case scenario: you are better off because now you have eliminated a whole branch of inquiry. Best case scenario: you know immortality.

(52) His disciples said to him, "Twenty-four prophets spoke in Israel, and all of them spoke in you."

He said to them, "You have omitted the one living in your presence and have spoken (only) of the dead."

Here the master is again questioned in terms of a past which is gone. His greatest followers ask whether the past testifies of the present. They need not ask him to prove his existence based upon the past. His greatest proof is his presence, his *present*. All they have is but to experience the *now*. No proof based upon what does not exist is going to prove what does exist. Though there are times when historical analysis is useful, for familiarization with your own internal compass of truth and falsehood.

Once you know how to read your internal direction, you have but to experience the world and observe where your compass points. Do you remember a time when you discovered your best friend was lying, or when anyone close to you was lying to you? Do you remember that palpable sensation, the sinking in your stomach? That dry mouth and utter loss of faith? Whenever you speak to someone and get this feeling, someone is lying to you or about you. Use these cues. Use these senses properly and they will guide you *at least* as well as your intellect.

Use your present to build your presence. Once you are here, you will know.

(53) His disciples said to him, "Is circumcision beneficial or not?" He said to them, "If it were beneficial, their father would beget them already circumcised from their mother. Rather, the true circumcision in spirit has become completely profitable."

God and Technology

Historically many of the rules in the Old Testament, and other codified religious books, are found to be scientifically based. Common rules are those on cleanliness. Does this prove that the rules came from divine origin? Not necessarily. Remember that we all come from the same universal energy source, whatever you call it. This represents the divine.

The universal infinite does not change, though the finite mind that conceives of it does. Try to explain to a shepherd of 2,000 years ago that bacteria and viruses cause the majority of human illness. Try to explain that rules of cleanliness, purity, and mating are designed to protect you from these things. Instead, the wisdom of a forgotten age has traveled down by word of mouth. When the natives could not understand what was being disseminated, they created rules.

Although these so called laws have served us in their time, there is a new law coming. It is the law of the SELF within. If you do not know what is right in your heart, no amount of legislation will teach you. Those who can chart their own progress and course are the elect. This law is not technically new, though it is being manifested in our time as NEW. Old scriptures like the Upanisads were written in poetic formed and metered. These formulas allowed ancient man to memorize them without knowing their entire import.

When they are changed, their meters fail, the formula is broken. You will see this security, or compression algorithm in many of the world's ancient scriptures. This way, the stories were preserved for us now, when we can understand their deeper meanings. This is not to say that the elect misunderstood them in the annals of time, it is to say that lay people can enlighten there meanings now with study and practice. They cannot do so though, when the texts are abridged by well meaning, or ill meaning religious authorities. This is what has happened to the majority of subjective scientific knowledge.

Catholic Pope's are on record as saying that they censor the truth from the "uninitiated." Mohammed told his people to only write down the Koran. They created a whole religion out of Hadidh against his teachings. The businessmen always make a business out of the words of the master. They have little faith in themselves and humanity. Thus, they make laws, rules, and money on the backs of the ignorant masses.

(54) Jesus said, "Blessed are the poor, for yours is the kingdom of heaven."

This statement speaks directly to the people of Jesus time as well as us now. It speaks of those who fail in this world. Failure in this world illustrates the futility of chasing the finite without the possession of the infinite. Without yourself, no amount of money will fulfill your emptiness. Object after object may be "owned" for a time, but if it was once not yours, it will once again go to someone or something else. In reality the only thing that you possess that cannot be taken away is *you*. Your own thoughts and ideas, your own consciousness and awareness.

Ask even the richest man. Gold investments may fall, they can be stolen. Governments rise and fall, there is no guarantee that you will keep what you have fought so hard to buy. Inflation destroys bank accounts, regimes take your worthless paper deeds through land redistribution. Ownership is a human convention first and foremost, based on changing human agreements. No matter how hard you and high you build a wall protecting your possessions, flesh will overcome the dead bricks comprising it.

Life Always Triumphs over Stagnation and Death

People will pile body on top of body to climb your security fence. You cannot escape anywhere. Running away did not work in the suburbs, and it will not work in nations. Life always overcomes death. New will regenerate and wipe away the old. Ask the dinosaurs. Maybe they ate themselves out of the environment. It is possible that they overburdened the environment to such a stage that nothing could regenerate except the smaller mammals. Are we now the dinosaurs?

Yet Jesus is speaking of those poor in ego. Those who have little invested in the trappings of any given society. They have little to gain from institutions structured to enslave them. Thus they are ripe for the kingdom of heaven. There kingdom is the now, the possession of those who live in the present.

(55) Jesus said, "Whoever does not hate his father and his mother cannot become a disciple to me. And whoever does not hate his brothers and sisters and take up his cross in my way will not be worthy of me."

Free Yourself from Your Past

This verse scares many a politician and religious leader. It undermines much upon which society is based upon. Here the master highlights a necessary component for throwing off the chains of oppression of self. Your parents tell you how bad you are from the day you are born. They are forever "correcting" you, training you to live in their societies. They tell you how what you do is wrong. Do not run naked, do not laugh at the dinner table. Always say nice things to people.

However useful these admonitions are when you are growing, they become hindrances as you reach for spiritual maturity. God does not need children anymore, or spiritual adolescents. We must learn to govern ourselves without referring to some vengeful outside authority. The universe does not "punish" people for trying to break cosmic law. If you swing the energetic balance in one direction, the universe swings it back. Without enmity, or even a thought. If you mismanage your planet, your civilization dies. It offers no second chances, or mercies. It is what it is.

Somewhere underneath your parent's philosophies lies you. You are under some admonition somewhere. You must break from these rigid dogmas. You cannot hold any relation more sacred than your own relationship with yourself. At the end of the day, you are all that is left with you. You are in your every waking moment. Even the most advanced of human leaders has a tentative understanding of himself or herself, at best. Even they define themselves in terms of outward actions.

A simple example is a politician who spends his or her entire life working in legislation. Politicians are defined by their work managing others. What happens when they no longer hold office? This person cannot define self by action and results anymore. Take the wayward pastor. He spends his life assisting others only to suddenly go blind. He cannot even study or teach in his old way as he has gout too. If he knows not himself, he has nothing.

He needs the cross of the masters. This burden is not the wooden cross of Calvary, but the uniting of divine from above, or eternal progression, with linear time along the horizontal plane. The vertical line unites the divine from above with linear time along the horizontal beam.

The crux of the two progressions is the domain of the master. A master lives forever in the eternal present by intersecting the past and future of the laymen. We are all fledgling masters though! Slave mentality forever divides humanity. “My divine savior is separate and greater than me.” Rather than, “My enlightened master is further along the path than I.” Feel the difference in your heart. Say it out loud and too yourself:

“I am younger than my master...I am earlier on my path than the master is on his or hers...I approach perfection.” Now believe it, it is true. As long as you measure yourself *against* the standard of your brothers and sisters, or mothers and fathers, you will remain trapped. Use the tools as they were given to you to surmount obstacles. Use them to remove your ignorance of your perfect and divine nature. You can be trusted. Because you learn, you will get what you seek. It is not anyone’s role to make you do anything. That is your role. Drive your success, and carry the cross of eternity. Keep your attention focused upon it always.

(56) Jesus said, "Whoever has come to understand the world has found (only) a corpse, and whoever has found a corpse is superior to the world."

Know the Material World to Be Finite

The outside world is that of the dead and dying. It is comprised of dead matter, that which you cannot truly possess, only borrow. Even food is borrowed. You eat it in the morning, and eliminate it by the evening-hopefully. Your 70,000,000 cells comprising your physical body are even replaced in total every 7 years! What you think of as yourself physically changes constantly. What you think of as you in this world is dead and replaceable.

When you discover that all that you have chased is dead and dying, when you discover a corpse in the materially minded world, then you have transcended it. Discover what you are and be that. Find your master and follow his or her methodology. Then find your master within, do not settle for another "object" that can be taken away. Do not worship the master, worship the truth by living it.

(57) Jesus said, "The kingdom of the father is like a man who had good seed. His enemy came by night and sowed weeds among the good seed. The man did not allow them to pull up the weeds; he said to them, 'I am afraid that you will go intending to pull up the weeds and pull up the wheat along with them.' For on the day of the harvest the weeds will be plainly visible, and they will be pulled up and burned."

Separate the Wheat from the Chaff

A man who has sown the good seed of truth within can always separate the lies. He sows the truth within his heart. When the world plants seeds of slavery and objective delusion, the man has no need to worry. For when the seeds mature within him, he can easily see the difference within his heart. When he is a child and the crop is immature he is permitted to tend all the sprouts. When they are mature in adulthood it is time to separate the good from the chaff.

Work your internal field, find your true spirit amongst the weeds.

(58) Jesus said, "Blessed is the man who has suffered and found life."

This verse has been as misinterpreted as much as any other, though it speaks personally to me. When I first began the path fulltime, I thought that being poor and suffering was noble. I was a type of ascetic, I renounced all. Then after slogging through the journey, I realized that I was obsessed with suffering. I had become a lover of pain. When I was a child I remember thinking that if I made "hard," "easy," that everything would be easy. Wrong. When I made the difficult tasks easy for me, the easy tasks became difficult. I had no idea how to enjoy, how to have fun. Everything was bloody horror for me, fire and brimstone.

Suffering lets you know that you are alive, it is there to teach. Do not get lost in the pain, it is a means. It is only when a child has a stomach ache that he or she becomes aware of it. Most adults have no idea that they have a colon or esophagus until they get heartburn or indigestion. When you are born into a world of no trials or tribulations, you remain largely stunted and ignorant. Or worse, you become bloated and gluttonous. Then again, even gluttony eventually causes suffering Thank God. If some is good, some is good. More is not always better, the right amount is the right amount.

(59) Jesus said, "Take heed of the living one while you are alive, lest you die and seek to see him and be unable to do so."

Learn from the Master Before You or Within You

The master seeks to warn his students of the urgency of his message. He has all the time in the universe, you do not. When a master is alive and in your presence, you can sense his movement and repose, you can learn directly from your heart feeling his peace. This direct experience allows you to accelerate your growth. Once a seeker becomes aware of this feeling, he or she naturally spends life trying to recreate it from within.

But when you can no longer find your master in physical presence, it becomes much more difficult. Notice how the disciples always ask their own master about the past and the future, even in his presence they have difficulty seeing what is right in front of them. Imagine how difficult it is after they have moved on to a different time and space. Yet if you cannot find a master, use the tools you find and create on your journey to become one. Everything you need is within you where it has always been and always will be. It lies upon us to discover it.

(60) They saw a Samaritan carrying a lamb on his way to Judea. He said to his disciples, "That man is round about the lamb."
They said to him, "So that he may kill it and eat it."
He said to them, "While it is alive, he will not eat it, but only when he has killed it and it has become a corpse."
They said to him, "He cannot do so otherwise."
He said to them, "You too, look for a place for yourself within repose, lest you become a corpse and be eaten."

Shepherds Feasting Upon their Flocks

This metaphor compares your soul to that of a lamb. The leaders of the disciples' day slaughtered their flock. They were to lead the people to higher enlightenment, instead they ate them, living off of others' sweat and labors. Not much different than now.

Your soul does not fully inhabit this body upon birth. And unless you realize your infinite true soul within, you never fully live in this now. You are just a tenant passing through, a transient personality borrowing this physical matter. What you think of as you, or the personality ego you have created as you to inhabit this body, will die and be eaten. That is its sadness and constant fear. For you to live forever, you must find "repose."

What is this repose about? It is about you fully functioning in this NOW. When you are fully present, you are the observer of life, for you are completely here. Your attention no longer focuses on the past and future. This produces deep calm. It produces, the movement and repose spoken of earlier. When you live this knowledge completely, you will not die and be eaten, for you no longer identify yourself with this ego based personality. You become your eternal self, the self which never dies, that part of you that always knows of its existence.

(61) Jesus said, "Two will rest on a bed: the one will die, and the other will live."

Salome said, "Who are you, man, that you have come up on my couch and eaten from my table?"

Jesus said to her, "I am he who exists from the undivided. I was given some of the things of my father."

"I am your disciple."

"Therefore I say, if he is destroyed, he will be filled with light, but if he is divided, he will be filled with darkness."

Unity

Here He refers to division again. This time a woman asks Jesus. The two resting on the bed are the soul and the ego. The ego dies, and the soul lives. Salome asks him, who he is to lie upon her couch, and eat at her table.

He answers unequivocally that he "exists from the undivided." This phrasing means that his *being* comes from the undivided source. This place is the Father of all, the undivided source energy of the universe. This is the energy upon which all of the manifested universe is based. The master is given some of the "things of [this] father."

What things was he given? Life itself of course, as well as the wisdom that is the divine inheritance of awareness, or true consciousness. This wisdom is the knowledge that never dies, true self-awareness. Not awareness of the ego personality, but of the true source of your physically manifested body.

Salome recognizes this *truth*, and she states her discipleship to "it." To this the master states that the ego that is destroyed enables the soul to be filled with light. When the ego and the true self are divided, the incarnation dies. And with it your present chance to live in knowledge. Without knowledge of an infinite truth, time-conditioned truth dissolves into the finitude of time. You die.

(62) Jesus said, "It is to those who are worthy of my mysteries that I tell my mysteries. Do not let your left (hand) know what your right (hand) is doing."

The Left and Right Hands

This qualification spoken by the master refers to deep truths. A master decides whom is worthy of his truth and administers accordingly. Everything that you understand is conditioned by time and space. It only exists as a function of this reality. Thus by definition, it dies with this body and its corresponding personality. This personality will do everything it can to resist learning the truth before its time is up too. It wants to live forever even though it cannot conceive of a timeless existence. How can a finite mind consist of an infinite concept? It cannot. Your ego based personality gains its desire for the infinite source from your soul. This soul is timeless. Fortunately, your ego, with all of its flaws is temporary.

This temporary cloak you call yourself is the left hand in this verse. The right hand represents the soul. The master explains here that one who wishes to realize perfection in the human body, must keep the ego unaware of this desire. Early on the path, one goes through a phase of ego destruction. This phase represents the thorn being used to remove a thorn, and the discarding of both. There are several paths to realization of the true self. Your soul is an infinite link in the chain of God. It is an indispensable part of the universe without which neither can exist. In fact, your soul never has any doubt about this, as it is created perfect. It manifests, "imperfectly" in a physical body, for you think that you are ONLY this body.

"Creation"

Creation is in quotes, because an infinite being can never create anything. IT always IS. "Whoa!?", you say? When your thoughts are in a constant state of fulfillment, how can you ever create anything. As soon as you think of it, it is so. Furthermore, how could you ever do anything to get anything else? You get what it is that you conceive of instantaneously. Thus, the universe IS, as it IS. It was NEVER created to "get" anything else. It is the cause, the underlying principle, and the effect, the manifested universe. This leads us to the causality debate.

Causality

Cause and effect are not truly separated. This is an artificial subdivision in order to achieve a desired feeling. Commonly, you will hear a child ask a profound question, “Why?” If you follow their causality you always reach the idea of God, or the universe. Follow me. Why was I born brown? Because my body is East Indian. What makes me East Indian? My parents are. What makes them so? They were born in India. Why? Because their parents had children that met in the Army. Why did they meet in the Army? Because their parent had the concept of duty, and their genes and upbringing brought about this situation. What brought about the situation that created this one? Eventually you will trace all of the variables to a cosmic event. Some call this the Big Bang, or other objective scientific conception, others call it God.

Many religious folks resist this characterization of God. They call it blasphemy. Yet how could a slave, or illiterate, of thousands of years ago understand the idea of a cosmic event in the form of energy? Most could not, and those that did, were called crazy or mystic. God, or the underlying principle never changes. Like the law of conservation of matter, it is never created nor destroyed, it only changes form. And without time, it is simultaneously all things. In the infinite, all things are possible at all times. Thus, if it is conceivable it exists. If you think of something and call it unlikely, it is already conceivable as you have thought of it to dispute it. It is enough to make one’s head hurt. That is the feeling of a finite mind approaching the infinite; the goal of self-realization.

Thus, the cause of the universe, God, is the effect of the universe, the universe itself. For the creator imbued the creation with itself. Something never comes from nothing. Positively phrased, something always comes from something else. Thus, causality is an artificial division in time. You can divide the child’s question of why into an infinite number of questions and answers. Scientists can always find more subatomic particles. The final cohesive principle will always be energy. Objective external science’s goal is how, not why. The philosopher, or internal subjective scientists answer why.

For example, objective scientists may tell you that the universe has a radius of 75 million light years, or that n number of planetoids orbit the star Sol. This means nothing in your everyday life. The astrologer will tell you what that means to you personally. Because you are born at such and such a time, the gravity and energy of these planets exert this influence. How they exert this influence is forever the realm of the objective. Why they exert this influence lies smartly in the purview of the subjective.

Realization

Your soul wishes to realize its interconnectedness and omnipresence, its infinite immortality. There are many ways to do this. You may commit Karma Yoga, or the yoga of perfect action. When you are lost in the action, you become perfect. This is easiest to imagine in the ballet dancer or musician. When they lose themselves in their art, they become one with God. If two become one, they are the same. Thus you become God. This statement may sound blasphemous according to organized religion. But it is not only throughout their scriptures, it is also supported by simple logic. Do not be fooled by the dogma and prejudices of thousands of years. Also remember that many who transcribe the words of masters are not masters themselves. Hence grammatical “corrections” creep into translations. These corrections damage the clarity of the words as initially spoken. Even more important, the audience changes. What a master says to your child sounds different than what he tells you.

Path of Devotion

Another path to realization is to perform Bhakti Yoga, or, perfect love, devotion. When a man or woman loves another completely, they become one with the object of devotion. In these moments of loss of self, there is oneness. When two become one, once again, you have God. The sage of Galilee states that two must become one. The ancient scriptures of the Tao and the Upanisads state the same. Shamanistic traditions state the same. Merging of thought, word, deed, and *feelinig* are key. Until the many become one, you have division, or devolution. When they merge, you have evolution.

Snake and the Rope

An ancient proverb speaks of a man walking through the forest. He comes upon a snake and jumps back startled. Then, he gingerly approaches the animal only to discover that it is a rope. Did he truly discover that it was not a snake? No, he did not. It was never a mistake, he never discovered that it was a snake in the first place, so he could not discover that it was not. He imagined the whole cause and effect situation. He imagined the entire duality of snake and rope. The truth is that he removed his ignorance.

This is the path we have chosen. God created us out of itself. We sought to know ourselves as God. Thus came ignorance first. To know something we become ignorant of its true nature first. Then we can experience the joy of discovery. Imagine that we inherently know ourselves as infinite pieces of God, but there is no contrast of ignorance. So we do not really note our innate fulfillment. The beauty of the universe is that it always provides what is asked for. You always

get what you want. Ask yourself, why do I want this? Once you realize what you know and why, you no longer need to contemplate the what and why. You automatically know. This is the goal of realization.

Most of the methods I have mentioned so far are temporary. The dancer is *one* for a moment. The lovers are *one* for a moment. When you can remain in this moment infinitely, you have achieved merging with God. Some call this Godhood; draw your own distinction.

Staying on the Path (to Personal Perfection)

The question remains, how to know that you are infinite at ALL times. This is Jnana Yoga, or perfect knowledge. The path to achieving this is long and arduous. It usually takes many millions of lifetimes. Don't worry though, the fact that you are reading this now shows that you are through with at least 90% or more of them. There is a story of three men asking a realized soul how their realization goes.

The first asks, "How long do I have to go?"

To which, the master answers, "You have ten lives to go."

The man leaves distraught.

The second seeker asks the same, "How long?."

The master replies, "Only one hundred to go."

This man slinks away crestfallen.

A final seeker asks, "How long?"

The master with a twinkle says, "One thousand."

To this, the seeker screams ecstatically, "Whoo hooo!"

The other two are dumfounded, that he dances. They ask him, "Why are you so joyful, you have ten and a hundred times as us, respectively?"

Still smiling, he responds, "I am on the path! I am on the path. My success is assured."

The principle in this story shines clearly. Once you are truly on the path you may go astray, but you will never leave. You will always know that the truth is there. You will settle for no facsimiles. Only the truth will do for you.

This does not mean that there is no work. When you fall at the end of the path, the heights are dizzying, and so is your impact with the ground. You fall much harder at the end of the road than the beginning. Any who have great power have the risk of great abuses. This does not mean that they do not realize, or that they are not realized. The infinite truth has all possibilities within it. You can never really know what it is until you merge, and once you merge, the differentiation is gone. Then you can no longer judge, for the pairs of opposites are gone. There is only the one without division.

Listening to the Still Small Voice

This ego seeks only to preserve itself. This is where the greed of humanity comes from. Because the soul is infinite, the ego “feels” that it must be too. This is not the case. The ego personality goes with the body. It includes the intellect of thought, the mind of emotions, and the body of urges. Use its intellect, the thorn, to remove the thorn, the ego itself. Then discard both. The ego senses when the soul comes out. This soul is the still small voice that we are cultivating into a roar! It drowns the ego, the source of pain and pleasure, but not of feeling. This may seem contradictory, so I will clarify. Feelings from the body are powered by the soul. These sensory perceptions are illuminated by the internal illumination principle itself, the “knowing principle,” or soul. But the senses themselves have no normative value. There is no good or bad for the soul. For the soul, there is only itself. The body ego and intellect are the ones that have normative or moral values. This is how things become good or bad.

Minimizing the Peaks and Valleys of Your Life

So, the ego and body generally want pleasure. They will do anything to avoid pain and experience pleasure. The soul knows neither. Without a body, how is it to know the ecstasy of orgasm, or sweetness of sugar? It does not, it only knows bliss. The privilege of feeling only comes through corporeal existence. Discorporated, the soul knows infinite bliss. The goal of realization is to know infinite bliss while incarnate. To experience pain and pleasure of the body and mind, from the place of infinite bliss. When viewed from this point, pain and pleasure are both feelings to be treasured and valued in balance.

The way to experience this state requires minimizing pain and pleasure while feeding your bliss. In the beginning, a seeker avoids extremes. He or she quiets the senses which up until recently were “life. The aspirant removes all

attachments between the ego and the world in order to bind it to the SELF. Turn the ego inward toward the soul, the true source of its existence. The way to recognize the soul is to quiet the ego's screaming desires long enough to recognize the soft spoken seed of truth within. Make no mistake though, the soul has its own shout, its own fire. Once it is heard, it can never be silenced or ignored.

When you find your fire, feed it while starve the ego's. Do not let it know what the goal is. Keep it minimized and chained until you have control of it. In the Bhagavad Gita, Krishna likens the five senses to horses in a chariot. Keep the reins tight until you have control of them. Then allow them a little rope at a time. If anyone seeks to outpace the others, reign them back in until they subside again. This is a process of slow progress. Sometimes you go two steps forwards and one step back. Other times you go 24 inches forward and 23 inches back.

Follow the above methodology with all desires, though especially with your major addictions, sex, gambling, and purity-that is right, obsession with so called perfection, charity-giving, etc. Any extreme desire gives the ego a place to preserve itself. This does not mean that the soul has no intensity. It just means that you have to minimize what you thought were your intensities, until you discover the real ones.

Maximizing Your Gifts

Although they may be the same talents as before renunciation, it is more likely that they are complements. Other times, your easy skills of this trip are the hardest earned ones of the last trip. For example, you may spend one or many incarnations learning to put family first. On this one, you keep entering the same relationships, ones where you enter happily and it goes downhill. You keep trying to preserve them until they crash and burn terribly, you have already learned self sacrifice. You may be set to learn how to be in a relationship for yourself now.

Please do not take this example to mean that I am speaking about anyone personally. This is an example. Your ego is actually what you think of as yourself at this moment, hence ,it is perfectly matched to battle. It knows all of your strengths and weaknesses as you are it at this moment. That is why you must pass it logical conundrums to exhaust its illogic. Eventually it gets so tired that it can no longer put up any resistance. It starts to whimper and whine. Even this behavior subsides after you begin to ignore it. Finally you ignore it entirely and it goes away. One day you feel oneness. One day, there are no more arguments and debates within. This is neither the silence of an ignorant child, nor the unconsciousness of fools. It is the "conscious unconsciousness" of the sage.

(63) Jesus said, "There was a rich man who had much money. He said, 'I shall put my money to use so that I may sow, reap, plant, and fill my storehouse with produce, with the result that I shall lack nothing.' Such were his intentions, but that same night he died. Let him who has ears hear."

You Are Finished When You Are Done

"You could die at any moment, and probably in the next fifteen minutes. What would you want to say that you were doing?"

Early on your path you may state, "Having sex," or, "<INSERT> bodily gratification." In fact, when you have not lived enough yet, you will believe that the best way to live is to fill all of your time with bodily gratification. Those of us who have tried to do so, know its futility. Many people try to "understand" its futility. You must do both, understand and experience. Only then do you truly know, until then it is only speculation. Yet the two states need not meet in the same day, year, or even incarnation. They must however, be met by the same soul for fulfillment to occur. You know not to touch the stove because you were burned. Whenever you are contemplating that the stove is *not that* hot, grab it, sit on it, make love to it! Make sure you are done, for if you are not sure, you will return.

Treatment counselors hate when I tell their charges to make sure that they are done. I have been an alcoholic, I have quit. Though I was not done until I was sure that I had had enough. If you repress your addiction, be it sex, alcohol, or whatever, you will be born again to experience it. These seeds of future conduct always lie in wait for the right conditions. They must be spent, eaten, consumed by the fire of enlightened experience. Make sure you are done! Know that you have had enough. The human spirit can endure nearly *anything*. That is the beauty and strength of humanity. Revel in your life. When you are ready, transcend it to your infinite glory. Meet your perfection here and now. Know it though, do not try to fake it. Without experiencing life, you will never know it.

Think (Reason) AND Feel

Many people try to "think" their way through life. They think that if they logically understand everything that they never have to make a "mistake." Wrong. Until you know something yourself, you are just parroting. Your parents can tell you not to overeat again and again, but until you do so, you really don't understand. Furthermore, if you always went with what someone else told you, you would be condemned to failure. Prejudice would be the standard of life, and imperfection the rule. This is not so. You have your own body, mind, and intellect, your own spirit of truth. Learn what others try to teach you, then test it

yourself. You will know what to test in this life, and what you already know. Do not be fooled, what comes naturally to you in this life is something that you have fought unceasingly to learn in another one.

Learning is difficult and rewarding. If something does not require everything that you have to know it, it is not new. If when you first start something, it is natural, you already know it. This result does not immediately indicate that you should drop the pursuit. Doing everything difficult is not the purpose of your life. It would be difficult for me to have a baby or become an opera singer. This does not mean that these are lessons for my present life.

Education and Familiarization

The key to knowing yourself and your accompanying tasks is familiarization. Many parents do a poor job of explaining the difference between pain and growth. The Army breaks you down before it builds you up. Modern psychology is often at odds with itself over this strategy. Yet it serves an important purpose. We cannot build ourselves upon a flawed foundation of logical inconsistencies. When we build strength upon weakness, we collapse when the stress reaches threshold. Yet sometimes in the military, growth becomes punishment. We learned in the Combat Arms to survive withering abuse inflicted by others, and eventually ourselves. At a certain point though, a beating is just a beating. Once you know the difference between pain and growth, you can be trusted to be your own master. You learn to govern your own thresholds. At this point though, hopefully your enlistment is up. Otherwise, you are going to have a rough time and a lot of insubordination charges.

Boundary Cases

Learning thresholds is what all children seek to do. This is called testing one's limits. The issue common in today's society in the USA is that Alpha children are being born. The strongest of the strong are being born for the coming changes. Think about humanity as an organism with a variety of differentiated cells at any given time. As it prepares for stress, it produces the appropriate cells to handle the load. These hyperactive kids are the kind that will get up no matter how many times you knock them down. These kids, sometimes called indigo children, always come back for more. They never stop and often move at a rate outpacing the most dedicated of adults. Unfortunately, when the parents cannot provide the familiarization that the children need, they will go outside the home to get it. As a result, society becomes the arbiter of their fate. Society is more like life, less kind than a parent often will be. I am not saying that all ADHD (Attention Deficit Disorder Hyperactivity) youth can be taught by their parents. Each one is

different. What I am saying though, is that it is not a disorder per se, but a response to where we are in our evolution as a species.

These children live in the eternal present. There is no past and future for them. Sound like realization? They are closer than many of the other generations present in society. These children are ready for the world, and they seek to come out *now*. They come prematurely, strongly. Trying to change what *is*, cannot be done. Learning from it is the goal. Figure out how you are going to deal with yourself and your children. Learn from experience, that is the fun. Understand what you experience, and then experience it. Together you will know it.

Fulfill Your Needs, Be Careful of Over-reaching

The verse above has Jesus saying that a rich man who decided to invest for the future died the very night he made his decision to live for that future. Why? When you decide to imagine your life in the future, you will not get more. The more you devalue the present, the less you need it. You are not valuing what you have, life, why should you get more? The parable has more. Why live for the future, when you know not whether it will come.? Think of all of the resources you save for your golden years. Think of all of the dreams you save for a time that does not exist instead of living them now. Sit down and think. How much do you really need to live comfortably? You need a sleeping bag, clean clothes, a shower, a hot meal, and a library card. From here you can do anything. You can earn a daily loaf of bread and then read all day. You can visit people and talk. You can make love, you can sing or dance. You can teach and learn. It is not that other comforts are not nice, they are not necessities.

What is necessary is love and passion. If you have no love and no passion, how well will all of these other comforts serve? They will only cover your deeper sickness inside. The poor man has the dream of wealth to keep him going. The rich man has no such delusions left, for he has achieved everything he once thought would make him happy. Nonetheless, abundance is a requirement for a golden age to dawn. Not because riches create gold, but because they illustrate the inner poverty. Having all of your material needs met will show you how you fail to meet you non-material ones. As an example, have you ever been in love? Even for a moment? When you are “in” love, nothing can ruffle your feathers, it is as if you are surrounded by a cushioning cloud of joy. You are in a cloud of warm soothing pink light. Everything that comes into contact with you is colored by this light, it is softened by your cloud. Your house could burn down, and your best friend could get sick. Neither hurts you. When you fulfill your internal need, the outer ones become accoutrements. The outer fulfillments become assistants to you. This is the goal of realization, to find yourself, and to experience everything else as embellishments; as tints to the shade of your own personal light. As filters that allow you to illuminate life differently.

All spiritual schools speak of this truth. They all state that external objects cannot fulfill internal needs. That you can't achieve everlasting happiness through finite objects. By this statement alone, you can see that something must be infinite for you to ever be happy. As long as you know that your love will pass, you will always have the fear of loss somewhere within. Most people settle for the idea that life is a gamble. They pretend to believe that they may or may not ever achieve perfect happiness. But ask yourself, why do gamblers gamble? Because they know that they will lose? NO. Deep down inside, they *know* that they will win. If they *knew* that they would lose, they would stop. They may understand that the odds are against them, but they believe that they will win. Again, do you ever touch a hot stove? No, for you know that it burns. You do not calculate odds and touch it. There is no need to calculate.

Time Loop of Addiction

The problem with the gambler or drug addict is the time loop. They both know that eternal fulfillment and bliss are their natural right and reward. Unfortunately for their families and themselves, these powerful egos are unable or unwilling to connect the paths. They do not see that their shortcut is failing, that their reward is coming, just not through these means. They are told that they can never gamble or get high again. When in reality, the feeling they get from gambling and drinking is from within. The cards or the booze has no property of itself. Set the booze or deck of cards in front of one who does not use. There is no effect. Now, set the objects in view of the newly reformed addict. This is cruel, for their ego will imbue these tools with an unquenchable desire.

Back to this idea of gambling itself. The gambler knows he or she will win, as do all people. They pretend that they are rational and that they accept that life is a gamble with uncertain rewards. But if this were the case, everyone would kill themselves. The person who *knows* gambling is a risk with uncertain rewards, never gambles. Deep inside, you know you will win this gamble of life. You believe that the universe is just. Otherwise, you would never ask why the world is unjust. You have your own concept of fairness from within. Yet what *is*, is what is fair. Your outlook is what is inaccurate. By definition what is out of order cannot happen. What happens is "the order of the universe," what you imagine is what is out of order and nonexistent. The challenge is to bring the two into line. Expand your perspective to know what that order is. Once you understand the order and live it, you know it. Once you know, feelings of injustice and unfairness dissipate. The stove is still hot and burns, but it is no longer an evil oven!

Life is Fair

Many people argue with when advised that they know that life is a winning proposition. They insist that they do not know that life is a sure thing. They state that they believe that it is, but that they *know* that it is not. They claim to ignore this discrepancy. Disregard the fact that everything you feel affects either your mind or your body. The discussion of the fact that our internal inconsistencies result in bodily injury lies elsewhere. Instead, the focus here falls on the fact that what you *do*, is what you *know*. What you *say* is what you *believe*. Go into any house of worship on a meeting day, and you will see people preaching about how they *know* God lives and judges etc., how they know that justice will be served. Then on the next day watch any one of these people contradict that statement. They have ill will in their hearts or contradictions within their souls. If they know that God is who they claim he is, they will have no need to claim it or remind themselves. You do not forget what you truly know. If you forget it, you never really knew it.

The definition of knowledge with respect to the self and infinite truth needs clarification. As long as your knowledge is based upon the finite cells of your brain, it is finite. That which is learned within your infinite soul is never lost. How can you remember what a weight is without hands to lift it? How can you remember words without mouths to speak them, ears to hear them, or eyes to see them? You cannot. In fact scientists cannot figure out what language the brain uses. It is not images, sounds, or numbers.

Study Principles

What you remember is knowledge tied to concepts. Principles stay in your awareness. You remember what is hot and cold. The feeling of joy you remember. When you associate a fact with a principle you remember. Genius is often thought of as pattern recognition, or association. Imagine memory as a spherical web with an infinite number of interstices, where multiple lines of reasoning, or facts, intersect, is an interstice. These are “memories,” or experiences. At any given time there is a focus for one’s intellect. The range of all values is the consciousness of the infinite. The range of values one’s awareness is focused on in any given moment is the soul. The goal of realization is to expand the consciousness to *all* values.

Microscope Metaphor for Consciousness

In fact, compare your body, heart, and mind to the viewing area of a microscope. The lens is your intellect, focusing on a part of your awareness. Your awareness is the circle of light through which you can view any part of the slide. The light is

the enlightening principle of God. Thus, you can use your intellect to think about any part of the physical universe within your consciousness, the lens to view any part of the slide. Your intellect is limited by the range of your awareness, the area of light underneath the slide. To know the whole universe, you must expand your light to that of the entire universe. You must join your ray to that of all light. Once this is done, you always exist as that ray. Your intellect always exists as part of the lens of the cosmic intellect, and the physical specimen on the slide always exists as part of the entire physical universe. Had enough yet?

Mimicking Versus Knowing

Most religions teach you to ape reality. They say read about truth, understand it, then go right to the end and be it. They teach people to avoid the learning process. If you have ever tried to teach or learn, which all of you have, you see that parroting has no place here. Learn by doing, watching, seeing, hearing, and teaching.

It is questionable whether one can learn by watching someone do something, or by reading about it. The way to truly know something is to do it. If you know something from the bottom of your heart which you have not done in this life, you know the principle. Learning does not mean that you have to touch every hot thing to know it will burn. It means that you learn concepts and principles broad enough to extrapolate yet narrow enough to be useful; such as the principle of “hot,” in the stove example. You will know when you have tempered the metal of understanding into the steel of knowledge.

Wisdom or Scholarship

Without tempering you have outward erudition. You have name without form. Only when the two merge do you have life. The majority of so called masters you will meet today are intellectuals without tempering. They tell you about what they “think,” this is where the adage comes, “Those who can, do. Those who cannot, teach.” This idea points out the flaws common in scholarship of today. Teaching is about showing your students *how* to think and understand, and then encouraging them to *do*.

Learn and understand. Do and know.

One who thinks and understands alone often teaches and performs poorly because he or she does not know first. You must know first. This is not to say that one cannot be an excellent explainer. Align your thoughts, then your words, then your actions; feelings follow. Understand what you do and why, then do it with these ideals. When you are fully aligned, you no longer need to think about what you

do, it becomes natural. Like the perfectly forged beam your molecules are in alignment, you can handle stress and distribute. A master is a perfectly forged beam and bridge across which others can pass. They pass from death to eternal life.

(64) Jesus said, "A man had received visitors. And when he had prepared the dinner, he sent his servant to invite the guests. He went to the first one and said to him, 'My master invites you.' He said, 'I have claims against some merchants. They are coming to me this evening. I must go and give them my orders. I ask to be excused from the dinner.'

He went to another and said to him, 'My master has invited you.' He said to him, 'I have just bought a house and am required for the day. I shall not have any spare time.'

He went to another and said to him, 'My master invites you.' He said to him, 'My friend is going to get married, and I am to prepare the banquet. I shall not be able to come. I ask to be excused from the dinner.'

He went to another and said to him, 'My master invites you.' He said to him, 'I have just bought a farm, and I am on my way to collect the rent. I shall not be able to come. I ask to be excused.'

The servant returned and said to his master, 'Those whom you invited to the dinner have asked to be excused.' The master said to his servant, 'Go outside to the streets and bring back those whom you happen to meet, so that they may dine.' Businessmen and merchants will not enter the places of my father."

We seek self-masters to feed the hungers in our souls. To see, feel, and know what fulfillment feels like. Our examples serve double purpose. We watch them fulfill themselves, then we replicate. Yet, as the parable above illustrates, people resist the invitation when they see it. Ceaselessly life entices with its inducements to consume. We must resist excess in order to reach the goal of eternal perfection while in the thick of life. When we follow all of the steps leading to enlightenment, we realize when we get "there," that it was always "here." Some of us run the track of life so quickly trying to get to the end only to realize that it is the beginning. Others try to hold on to the past so rigidly only to regress back to the beginning which is only the end of something else. It is a circle.

Yet ask any runner though, the end which is the beginning is most meaningful after you have run a circle. Ask an athlete if she wants to win the medal without running the race. She will be disgusted with you. A fighter seeks to fight the battle, the winning comes when it is time. Never does it come without the fight

though. Recall the coward turned pacifist, he wants to win without a fight, unlike the warrior who surrenders the sword. Any hawk who has never battled is nothing but a child wearing the clothes of the father. He is a chicken, not a hawk, a chicken hawk. Look familiar?

Love, the Satiating Meal

Masters offer you a meal, one that satisfies. Yet rather than come to the table, we instead choose to do business. We constantly try to buy eternity by investing in an uncertain future rather than living our present lives more fully. Most parents teach the idea not to follow our dreams to be artists, but rather to invest in the job that pays more. Some of us discover though, that the job that pays the highest dividends is the one that is our passion. Although its compensation may not be financial, its payment in the form of satisfaction is much higher. The lesson is that if you do what you love, you are a success. Although there is an unspoken hint that if you love something and are good at it, that you will make money, it is secondary. When you are happy and in love, the simplest of pleasures is a wonder. Be it a picnic with your paramour, or an outing with your child. Both fulfill you while costing little actual material wealth. Love is the key.

Still though, we are taught, invest into the future. We are taught to prepare for the rainy days. We spend time saving dollar after dollar, cent after cent; running as hard as we can to learn as much as possible in the shortest of time. Then one day we awaken to realize that if we always run to get somewhere else, we never get anywhere. Couple this comprehension with the path of renunciation and we spend much more time living rather than preparing to live. To live eternally, you must sit with the masters and eat their fruit. Once you are fed, you will never be hungry.

Five Addictions

These sentences are metaphorical of course. Material life is a diet for the senses. In the ancient traditions anything meant for the senses was food. When you eat ignorantly and without balance you suffer indigestion. Look at modern Western culture, as it spans the globe. It encourages gluttony and sensory overload. There are over three different types of gastric bypass, or stomach surgery to prevent obesity and over eating. Overeating is like any other drug addiction. There are five addictions:

1. Drugs
2. Alcohol (really the same as drugs)
3. Gambling
4. Sex
5. Food

The only one that you cannot quit entirely is food. American society deals with sensory overload like the puritans who were the forefathers. No sex, no drugs, no alcohol, no gambling. Food overdose is all that remains. So this society tries to create fake fat and physical surgery to prevent what is really immature philosophy. Food consumption releases endorphins into the body which are akin to those released from drugs or sex. We get addicted to these good feelings. When we are not feeling well, we self medicate with food. Most doctors will not tell you this as they are addicted as well. Furthermore, no one wants to take responsibility for their own life. In reality, you asked for this entire existence.

Dry Drunks

Most people in the world today are what twelve step programs call “dry drunks.” These are those who have all of the rationalizations and mentalities of an active addict, without the substance to sedate them. In other words, they blame everything upon someone or something else, and they justify many of their actions based upon their own emotional appeals. An example is when a drunk finishes an exam. If he passes, he says that he ought to celebrate, for he passed! When he fails, he must drink, for he needs soothing. Whatever the occasion, the drunken spirit revels in its self-pity. It uses any excuse to fulfill its material excesses. Just because you are a functional member of society does not mean that you are not drunk. Anyone who is willing to trade their dreams for material compensation is either a prostitute or a drunk. Take your pick.

Make mistakes, but do not try to clothe them in ill-fitting arguments of nobility. The Bhagavad Gita's main character is a man named Arjuna. He is the greatest warrior of his time who can best any man living. His mantle is the command of armies. The Mahabarata is the story of this family, the Gita focuses on the final battle where he is brought against his own family. This prince must fight his own masters of arms who work for his uncle. All of his life, Arjuna fights and fights well. Now that the greatest battle has come upon him, he shows cowardice cloaked behind noble philosophy. He states that it is better to die than to fight one's own unrighteous family. Rather than descend into the details of the story, as beautiful as it is, I will focus on Arjuna's Dilemma.

The Dilemma

This dilemma is a microcosm of all of our lives. We live as we are with courage and nobility until a real challenge presents itself. We then hide behind voluminous logic. That we may not win is the real reason we fear fighting. For if we had a choice: A) You get the object of your desire without a fight B) You do not get it. We would pick the object of desire. As the challenges stiffen, we fold. We make excuses. Some of the greatest philosophies in the world are co-opted by cowards. A coward is one who only fights when the battle is already won. This is not fighting, this is clean up. A fight is when you stand tall for what you believe, regardless of circumstances. This is justice, it has nothing to do with winning or losing.

Here we find ourselves, trapped in a world that does not reward the one who stands for what is right. Yet once you understand the philosophy of living, you learn that you cannot lose. Losing without winning is against cosmic law. Balance is always maintained. This is the theme of the Gita. It explains what God is and how to reach the state of universal consciousness. The beauty of the Gita is that it gives a way for each person to reach the pinnacle of their own potential. It delineates the four main types of personalities. The caste system is an institutionalized bastardization of these paths.

Four Types of Persons

These four types of persons are service, business, warrior, and philosopher. They are not hard and fast rules, instead, they are models for behavior. The service person is one who follows orders, these people are likened to the feet of God, the sudras. They are not to make long term decisions. They are to do as they are told, to be the masters of service, fulfilling their obligations. If the feet decide where to walk they will only choose the soft ground, one trip to the beach and you drowned. The feet reach the soft sand and just keep walking into the water.

Business people are the merchants, they always seek to see what is in it for themselves. Their motto, “What can I get out of it?” They are to be masters of exchange ensuring that all interactions are win-win. Their goal is to learn to create transactions where all parties benefit.

Next come the warriors, whose perfection is reached when they learn selfless leadership and sacrifice. They lead organizations and fight battles. They can be trusted because justice and sacrifice comes first to them. After reaching the pinnacle of self-sacrifice, they learn to do what is right because that is their payment. These are the philosophers. They follow the path of human perfection until they reach the point where their nature is to do the right thing. They do not sacrifice. What they are as themselves are divine oblations. They serve by living truth. The danger with these delineations is that merchant-minded men make them rules. Once guidelines morphed into laws the system lost its explanatory power. They are guidelines for self-discovery that is all. If they serve a purpose for you, utilize them, if not, disregard them.

The hardest hurdle to pass is that of the business person. This role guarantees you the ability to make money in the material life. Once you gather this ability, it is difficult to surrender it to self-sacrifice. For the warrior, it is hard to find the self after so many incarnations sacrificing it. He or she always seeks to fight his or her way to success. As a philosopher, the warrior is to succeed by *BEING*, not by doing. Generally, the paths of Yoga are Bhakti Yoga or “selfless” devotion for the service person. Karma Yoga, or perfect action, for the business person. Both Karma and Bhakti for the warrior. And finally, Jnana which merges all three yogas for the philosopher.

65) He said, "There was a good man who owned a vineyard. He leased it to tenant farmers so that they might work it and he might collect the produce from them. He sent his servant so that the tenants might give him the produce of the vineyard. They seized his servant and beat him, all but killing him. The servant went back and told his master. The master said, 'Perhaps he did not recognize them.' He sent another servant. The tenants beat this one as well. Then the owner sent his son and said, 'Perhaps they will show respect to my son.' Because the tenants knew that it was he who was the heir to the vineyard, they seized him and killed him. Let him who has ears hear."

Murdering a Master

When we are young our parents often teach us mercy, to give the benefit of the doubt. For one who is strong, this is vital, it avoids tyranny. The example above was given in Jesus day to refer specifically to the lineage of God. This line refers to the natural evolution of consciousness from the prophets of old until the master himself. His forerunners were seers whose consciousness evolved until it could host a perfect master. Jesus reached the pinnacle of spiritual development within their schools.

How did the locals deal with Jesus forebears? Sometimes they murdered the prophets. This parable is to show that the religious leaders recognized exactly which master sent them. In fact, knowing who sent them is what caused them to be so wroth. They could see that spiritual liberation lead to physical liberation. It is no coincidence that the early church infrastructure so limited personal liberty. Much of the church did not care about the salvation of souls. Once the souls leave, they are outside of any physical religion's control.

By definition, these organizations seek to control people's bodies and minds. The soul is taken care of on its own by itself, or, by God, if you will. So, each time the master sends a servant to collect, the tenants molest him. Finally the master sends his son himself. The leaseholders murder this one as well. Each of the other servants had a slight possibility of not being recognized. Not so with the son. All who looked upon this son of God knew him. And for this reason they had to kill him.

Make no mistake, it is the recognition of the people that brings the hangman's noose. If you are unrecognized, you have no worry of upsetting the powers that be. When the fearful see your power, they must destroy it. They cannot have competition for salvation. Once you return agency to the masses, it is too late. Thus, many prophets who testify of the return of liberty are killed. History decorates itself with the bodies of those who preach for the return of liberty, whether physical or spiritual.

The Macrocosm is Always Balanced

Many souls who lead this world have stored up ignorance, they have borrowed from the future for their present and past. As a result, a collection is due. In its elegance, the universal balance is always met. Imagine the fish tank with a partition again. Half of the tank is 50 degrees C, and the other half is -50 degrees C. In the microcosm, on either side of the divider, it seems out of balance.

Yet, when you look at the entire tank, you see that it is balanced. The infinite universe is always in balance. Sometimes though, the microcosm is not. We live in the microcosm. As long as we divide our time into past present and future, we will have imbalance. As long as we see the world as polar opposites, we are bound to experience them both. If we try to create the finite codified moral good, we inadvertently create the finite moral evil. More simply, by pursuing the so called ultimate good at all costs, we create the ultimate evil. Thus, we lead ourselves into exactly that which we wish to avoid.

(66) Jesus said, "Show me the stone which the builders have rejected. That one is the cornerstone."

Rejecting the Cornerstone of Truth

This verse refers specifically to religion builders. They reject the cornerstone of the science of living: Liberty. Religion is the science of perfect living, it is based upon internal and external science. Both the subjective and objective fall within the realm of the philosophy of living. To understand, one must have freedom of spirit and of conscience.

Many religious institution builders reject the true message of masters such as Jesus who tell you that you know what is right in your heart and that you are the final arbiter of your fate with respect to the universal father and mother. Their lives show you that you will discover yourself despite outside meddling of those who do not know. How can one who has not walked the path tell you what it is like? They cannot. Because self-masters taught themselves, they can teach you. They *show* you. Feel the intensity in your hearts when they speak. If you do not, they are not talking to you. Here is where the phrase, "Let him who has ears hear," comes from. We speak to those who have the ears to hear, those whose hearts ache from the inconsistencies of this finite life. They are not here to argue with those who believe only in the physical. One cannot debate with those who do not know.

Leave the debates to the academics, that is their role. Masters show you the truth so that you can feel it. If you are not ripe to be plucked they will not harvest you. For your flesh is bitter to their taste. Your bitterness is for you alone. Each must transform his or her own bitterness to produce perfect fruit. No one else can to transmute it. Bitterness comes from their own illogic, and inconsistency, no one else can balance it. Only you can balance your own inconsistency. Anyone who tells you otherwise knows not. They are imbalanced themselves.

This is not to say that others cannot help you to feel the difference. Even though your soul may be filled with darkness, an outer light can always help you find your own light switch. You are dark within, your light is directed outward. With the help of those already shining, shine inward to see yourself. Once you recognize your own illumination, you always remember it.

Once your eyes are opened, they can never be closed. Throughout eternity, you will always search for the light again. Those who refuse to see damn themselves to ignorance. There is always a chance though, that they will someday recognize. Unfortunately though, the habits of ignorance are self-perpetuating. One lie builds its own momentum of subsequent lies. Remember this when you are in darkness alone. When your soul is in agony, remember that lies perpetuate

themselves, and that pain is temporary. Acknowledge that the truth is forever, that it is always darkest before sunrise.

You will see the day, and because you have endured the dark night, it will be oh so bright.

(67) Jesus said, "If one who knows the all still feels a personal deficiency, he is completely deficient."

How to Know When You Have Achieved Your Perfection

A less poetic way of stating this verse is, "If you think you know the all and you still feel a personal deficiency, you do not know the all." If you *feel* deficient in any way, you *are* deficient. Key here is the use of the verb "to feel." You may think whatever you want, it is your heart that matters.

The path to perfection involves clarifying and perfecting your feelings. You must feel without indecision that you know the all. Or, more accurately, you do not "feel that you know the all." You "feel the all," and therefore, you *know* it. Just as you *know* hot and cold, you do not "feel that you know hot and cold," you "feel hot and cold." If you are the slightest bit inconsistent you cannot be perfect.

A caveat is required here. Removing *thoughts* of doubts does not equal perfection. Read all of the ancient masters, integrate all of their thoughts and logic. Concentrate, contemplate and meditates. Whenever feelings come up, reason out that they did not exist. You may then *think* that you are realized, yet you are not. If the feelings did not exist, you would not feel them.

This does not mean that these feelings are infinite truth. This does mean that until you have exhausted these feelings, that you will feel them, and hence be unrealized. If you know something is hot, you do not have to keep explaining to yourself that hot burns. Furthermore, when it burns, you do not tell yourself that burning is a transient phenomenon and therefore nonexistent. When you are burned, you move. It is part of the human existence, self-preservation. Regardless of your infinite soul, you are here now. When your consciousness is no longer here only then will this present "now" cease to exist for you.

In other words, you cannot reason your way out of existence, you must feel your way out. You felt your way in, you will feel your way out. You did not, as a young soul, reason that your body felt, and therefore convince yourself that this world was the only reality. You created a separation, some call it a veil, between your infinite self and this world. Thus, you learned from a state of ignorance, that this was your reality. Now you must unlearn that state by feeling your way out as you felt your way in.

You must remove your judgment of this world by allowing it to do what it will. Resist no longer this plane of existence. With the open-mindedness of a child, and the wisdom of the ancient, experience what this world offers. Know this world in the biblical sense. Make love to your experiences, become one with them. Merge your thoughts, words, and deeds. When you feel them become

consistent with your heart, you know. Until then, you mime your betters. This is humility, knowing that there is more that you do not know.

(68) Jesus said, "Blessed are you when you are hated and persecuted. Wherever you have been persecuted they will find no place."

(69) Jesus said, "Blessed are they who have been persecuted within themselves. It is they who have truly come to know the father. Blessed are the hungry, for the belly of him who desires will be filled."

Persecution or Self-Examination

These two verses complement each other well. They speak of persecution. To reach perfection, you must be your own prosecutor. With unflinching gaze, and unwavering commitment, you must examine yourself. You must discover all inconsistencies within your own being. Then you must eliminate them. This is the persecution masters speak of. Once you persecute yourself and become perfect, others will follow.

Society's telling you to persecute parts of yourself is the actual problem, not the parts that it tells you to persecute. Society tells you to persecute your true self. Knowers of eternal truth tell you to persecute your societal self, your personality-ego. That is what society teaches, for you to crush yourself in order to become what society thinks you should be. Society does not meet its own standards of conduct. A great example of this is to be found in most religious gatherings. Most religious leaders tell you to become more like they believe themselves to be. Or, more like they wish themselves to be.

Masters do not tell you how to become like themselves. They tell you to *feel* the way they *feel*. The methodology used for discovering themselves is what they show you. Realized souls show you the result of their labors, then they share what those labors were. If you seek what they have, follow the path for yourself, using the tools they embody. If you do not seek what they have, speed your way back to the fold of society.

When you begin to unflinchingly remove your internal logical flaws, you begin to persecute yourself. Where you have cleansed yourself in this manner, within, the persecutors have no place. They will have no place within you. Yet, you will forever be in their thoughts. You will dismiss their cries, they will weep at yours. When you begin to know your own lies, you begin to know the universal father. When you begin to perfect yourself within, you know the father. If you are hungry for the truth, and nothing of this world satiates your appetite, your desires will be fulfilled by the methods of the masters.

They come to the hungry.

(70) Jesus said, "That which you have will save you if you bring it forth from yourselves. That which you do not have within you will kill you if you do not have it within you."

Save Yourself

The only thing which you truly possess is your consciousness. Your physical liberty can be taken. Ask anyone who has been locked up. Your body can be taken from you, ask any amputee. Your mental liberty can be taken from you, ask any mental patient. What is yours? Your consciousness, is *you* and it is *yours*. You *are*.

This "You" is what you have within. If you bring it out of your deep self, it will save you from any threat, real or imagined. If you do not learn to fully possess and master your consciousness, your ignorance and ineptitude will kill you. The cause of death is your ignorance of your true nature.

Know this, that slavery is an abomination before the universe, nothing can be enslaved against its will. The only way to capture anything is to convince it to follow you.

Masters do not seek to have you follow them. They seek to have you follow your path to yourselves. YOU FOLLOW YOU is our admonition. Even when you say you are not following you, you still are. Do it without apology.

(71) Jesus said, "I shall destroy this house, and no one will be able to build it [...]."

Dispelling Darkness

This statement is incomplete from the Nag Hammadi scrolls. Nonetheless, the statement is about destroying a house which another cannot rebuild. What can a master destroy that cannot be rebuilt? Darkness. The house is ignorance, once you remove ignorance, it can never return. How can you pretend you don't know what you don't know? This is a proof of the negative. Impossible.

Self-masters come to destroy the glass houses of liars and slavers. Slavers seek to convince you that you are unworthy to be your own master. Their mission is to convince you that you cannot know the truth without their interpretation of it. How is this different from a master? A master's mission is to show you the truth so that you can recognize it. Their method of illustration is such that it provides the tools for you to discover the truth on your own.

They destroy the house of ignorance. They destroy darkness through shining the light of truth cultivated within. Once the light has been turned on, you will forever know when it is off. You may have trouble finding the light switch again, but you will NEVER forget what the light feels like. Your heart will forever yearn for the light again.

Some ask why they desire to show the truth. They are one with the infinite consciousness, so they are not really showing *anyone else*, anything. They enlighten themselves. God is enlightening itself as to itself. It looks in the mirror, to see you, its reflection.

How is this different than the other teachers? They want you to remain ignorant, to look outside for yourself, to follow some rules that they have dictated. How can the universal consciousness enslave itself? It cannot. How can you limit yourself? If you are both the limit and the limited, then you are not limited. If you are the right and the left half, there is no division. If you are the excess above the limit, and that which is circumscribed by it, there is no limit. You are both.

A simpler example may suffice. God has created you and the universe out of itself. God is timelessness. If there is no time, something is always in every place at once. This means that God is where you are at this very moment. God is where you are and where you are not. By this explanation, God *is* you. For if it is not you, there is a place where God is not. This statement flies in the face of the earlier definitions.

God is omniscient, omnipresent, and omnipotent. In plain words, God knows all, is everywhere (is the all), and is able to do all. By these rules, God is again you, for he is everywhere. If you are somewhere, he is there wherever you are. There is no place that God is not. If God is truth, it is always so. If it is always so, it is infinite and unlimited. God is you, you are part of God; if you are a sinner, so is God.

(72) A man said to him, "Tell my brothers to divide my father's possessions with me."
He said to him, "O man, who has made me a divider?"
He turned to his disciples and said to them, "I am not a divider, am I?"

A Uniter Not a Divider

The diction of this translation whether from the scribe or not, is exceptionally opaque. Rather than get caught up in the unclear parable, focus on the statement, "I am not a divider, am I?"

As stated above, a slaver seeks to divide, a master seeks to unite. The mortal slaver sees only division, whereas the master sees only unity. He seeks to unite the disparate pieces of consciousness lost in the material. Unlike many masters of old who sought to liberate consciousness from the material, this book seeks to liberate consciousness while *in* the material.

The martyrdom of Jesus and the sword of Mohammed are the opposite poles of religious excess. Neither are perfect human lives per se. Both are extremes, they are duality. The perfect human life has both within it. It has the feelings of love and hate, of tolerance and intolerance. This is the goal of human evolution, to *live* perfectly. Our goal is not to come here to experience all of humanity for nothing. We are creating a perfect manifested being; that the universe can seed itself with. We are flowers within the gardens of emptiness, stellar furnaces burning brightly in the vast expanses of space.

(73) Jesus said, "The harvest is great but the laborers are few. Beseech the Lord, therefore, to send out laborers to the harvest."

Seek the Knowers

Here a master recognizes that many are becoming ready to realize the truth. Even in his day, people are ready to know. Or, more accurately, by definition, a master *in* the world comes when the people are ready to transition. Therefore, he tells those who feel ready, to "Beseech the Lord...to send out laborers to the harvest."

The Laborers are those who know. They are to work to help others to know. Remember that the universe seeks to know itself. This means that all conscious beings wish to know themselves. This esoteric sounding goal is the desire of masters since the dawn of time.

They seek to model the perfect life. Many masters preach disavowal of the world. They teach to escape to the hills. To run away. Whether these are their initial messages or not is immaterial. The key message is how to escape the treadmill of slavery-self determination. Free yourselves from the bonds of intellectual, emotional, and spiritual bondage.

Philosophical Loggerheads

One philosophy teaches that all that exists is spirit, another teaches that there is only matter. Another seeks to show that the past and future are all that is. The first sends people away, into themselves. It teaches to withdraw. The second teaches people to try to define ALL in terms of cogs and wheels, to discover an external reason for everything. The last commands people to dream of a future wherein all returns to the perfection of the past.

So, one says to go right, spirit only. Another says to go left, matter only. The third says to go forwards to reach the past. All ignore their opposites. The right ignores the left, and the past and future ignore the present. They neglect the one most important fact. You are here and you do exist. Nothing comes without reason-Everything has a reason.

Running away, whether to the past and future or, the inside and the outside, will not fulfill your personal destiny. Everyone who exists has a purpose, this is destiny. For each organism in the ecosystem, there is a niche. This law holds true for all animate and inanimate objects. Some call this *raison d'être*, this reason for being, dharma. This is the "reason for being," for all that exists.

You were not created to uncreate yourself, or just to create more like yourself. If you do not know what you are, creating another who does not know will not help.

All paths lead to YOU. All paths lead to understanding, they must be walked consciously and to their completion. When you are lost, you must walk in one direction until you hit a landmark. The military calls these “phase lines,” project managers, “milestones.”

These are the easily identifiable terrain features on the ground, the landmark goals which keep everyone on track toward the team’s goals. Humanity is the team. Our goal is the perfect human organism. This organism is the society of man. It is neither a group of individuals, nor a group of mindless hive minds. Humanity seeks to have the perfect balance of the one and the many.

The way to reach this balance is to know what you are, then to be that. By following this logic, together we create the perfect harmony for humanity. Everyone is conditioned to worry about everyone else. This leads to the conundrum, of how to ensure appropriate behavior. Because everyone is different, we can *never* ensure that everyone *else* does anything. We can only manage our own conduct.

The path of internal spiritual perfection teaches internal perfection. It teaches to “purify” the inside. Call this “clarification.” Clarify your internal thoughts, then your words and deeds. This clarity produces pure heart. Passion with clarity of purpose focuses your attention.

Ancient Vedantins refer to this trait as Mumakshatwa. This is the over arching desire to do one thing, “wake up.” You are in a dream as your body and mind run rampant. Your soul drifts through a slumber, equal parts dream and nightmare. This unwavering desire to awaken comes when it arrives. No one can teach it to you. You learn it on the endless wheel of life. One day you must awaken, nothing else will satisfy. This is when you truly begin your path to perfection. Before this state, you are still playing. You are a child, a young spiritual being playing in a material sandbox.

A student asks his master, “What is “mumakshatwa?”

The master submerges the seekers head into a pool of water.

The disciple struggles to escape, wrenching himself this way and that. When he struggles free of the suffocation, he sputters a question, “What are you doing master?”

The master asks, “What were you thinking while you were under the water?”

Still dripping from his submersion, the disciple responds, “Thinking,, “What do you mean thinking?!! I was just struggling to get out!”

His master smiles and explains, “This is mumakshatwa, the unwavering need to wake up. Nothing will ever get in its way. You ‘think’ of nothing, your purpose is utterly clear, to the point of there being no thought of anything. Only this resolute focus remains.”

Discovering the Focus for Your Unwavering Desire

This unwavering need within to wake-up from the dream, is a must. It comes from within, from having enough experiences for yourself. No one can give it to you, despite what some may say. Austerities will not produce it. No number of beatings alone will do it. It takes aeons. How does a child know when it has had enough chocolate? You cannot teach him, he has to eat until he is full. You cannot explain it to him. Look at the number of food addicts in American society? This obsession spreads too.

Addiction only finds its bounds by being full. When obsessed with drugs or alcohol, no number of rehabilitation centers or counselors can convince addicts that they have had enough. The subject has to reach his or her own threshold. Treatment professionals serve by helping others to recognize when they are full. But it is the feeling within that seals the conclusion beyond doubt!

Obsession with material objects or substances attempts to fulfill the deep emptiness in our hearts that truly arises due to questions about our eternal nature. How disconcerting is it really to know that you come from nowhere and are going nowhere and your life is meaningless blip on a time and distance scale so vast as to dwarf even the sun?

After drowning ourselves in Neptunian depths we eventually sober up enough to come up for air. We then remember the key questions once asked at a young age. Most seekers ask one or a series of key questions, they are:

“Mommy who am I?”

“Where did I come from?”

“Where am I going?”

“Where is ‘here?’”

“Why isn’t life fair?”

Or, “Why did I get hurt... Why....Why....Why?”

The answers to these forever change a seekers life. Most parents invent an answer, or give one that they do not believe themselves. The answers usually are:

“Why daddy?”

Daddy is a scientist, “Because of genetics, the big bang?”

“And before that?”

“Nothing son.”

“And before that?”

“That is a stupid question”

Definition of Random

The scientist when pushed answers that life is random. Not only does this drive a child crazy, it is a cowardly way of saying, “I don’t know.” But not only few people admit their ignorance to anyone, much less themselves. Adults cannot admit to their children that they do not know an answer to a question decades old in their own mind. People cannot admit to themselves that they fake life without any knowledge of why they do anything.

The pastors child asks the same:

“Why mommy?”

“Because God made it that way?”

“Who made God?”

“That is a ridiculous question, nobody made God.”

“God,” is often the zealots word for “I don’t know.” Whenever they cannot understand anything, the unknowable God Concept shows up. How convenient, the answer is known, but the answer itself is unknowable. A master comes to know god, then shows others. This concept of God reunites the concepts of Random, and the Unknowable.

When you can answer these questions then you are ready for children, otherwise you are just another kid yourself. Others sense your dishonesty when you answer. They can recognize when you “believe” something and when you “know” it.

Answer with what you know. All that I could prove when I was child, was that everything appeared random. There was no satisfactory answer to anything. Everything that I could see came from something else which came from something else. If something came from nothing, that was even less realistic.

In the face of all of this logic, even my parents, geniuses in their own rights, could not answer. They gave me some nonsense to shut me up. They rewarded me when I did not believe in some creator being, and when I could come to the same conclusion as them. In other words, when I stopped at, "There is no way to prove anything. They did not push for further explanation." Both objective scientists, and subjective scientists said the same.

Luckily for most of society the external scientists have kept noisily looking. Internal scientists get nowhere near as much public relations! Yet, both schools have become dogmatized. Human consciousness is like a pair of plates sliding against themselves. We have the internal consciousness, and the external senses rubbing one another.

Philosophical Earthquake Imminent

Now however, our philosophies have been stagnant. They are not exchanging. One moved forward while the other stopped. Like a fault line of geological plates, our minds are about to experience a release. This looks like an earthquake on the ground. For the majority of humanity, this easing of tension within our internal philosophies will appear like a cosmic shift. Some will get crushed as their psyches collapse from the pressure. Others will move so far forward in their understanding as to make the world entirely shifted. My word and presence testify that there is an answer. I KNOW what it is for me, my existence proves that your answer exists for you.

(74) He said, "O Lord, there are many around the drinking trough, but there is nothing in the cistern."

Sharing the Water of Wisdom

Masters commonly refer to wisdom as water. On a water based planet, water is life. Earth is a water planet where water comprises approximately 70% of each human. We can survive several days or more without food; not so without water. We need our liquid life from the time we are conceived in water, inside a womb, to the time when we die.

Despite this fact, we are thirsty. The Hebrew master states that in his time there were many thirsting for the truth, the water of wisdom, the life of knowledge. Not the salve of understanding. There are many at the trough seeking it, but there is nothing in the trough.

The cistern refers to religion of his day. The religious mimicry did not feed its flocks. Little has changed. We offer each other platitudes, or "I don't know," in a myriad of colored cloaks. An endless parade of costumed fools dancing in your opera, feeding your ignorance with mirthless laughter.

Without knowledge of yourself and your infinite purpose, you will stagnate and die. You spend your consciousness rolling from one dark night to the next:

“Ignorance is the night of the mind. A night without moon or stars.”

-Confucius

All masters come to drink the water, and to share it. Do not get lost in their altruism. They see you as part of themselves, they help themselves. The rule of the universe is that nothing ever “sacrifices,” but everything shares. We may feel the privilege of sacrifice, but this is only to know service. Everything always serves itself and others. There is no way to subvert the purposes of the universe. This is order. This is faith. This is knowledge. What *is*, by definition, IS.

What Is?

Our question, is what is that? What IS, “IS?” This is the question and the answer.

Q: “What is, IS?”

A: “IS, IS.”

It cannot be answered in terms of something else. For how do you circumscribe that which can never be limited? The answer is a proof of negation. A master tells you qualities of what is unlimited. They describe all that is around the truth, so that others can also experience it. The truth is a feeling, the feeling of fulfillment. You KNOW what you know. No one can prove to you that you are not you.

When you have this type of knowledge about reality, then you truly know something. Everything else consists of estimations. It is fine to use tools to accomplish your purpose, however, do not forget that they are only tools. This is what humanity has done. It has taken tools to discover reality while forgetting that the goal was *reality*, not greater tools!

We have the ability to meet all material needs. Instead of resting, and turning inward, we create new “needs” through advertising, and planned obsolescence. We create a branch of so called knowledge, advertising, whose job it is to make a want a need. Does no one else see the horror of this enslavement, of creating more desires to trap our consciousness upon the treadmill of things?

These objects never fulfill our needs. Otherwise we would all be trapped at our first birthdays. All we want are the newest toys. If material objects actually fulfilled our needs, we would never need more than the first ones. Yet, no one

will try to prove that we are fulfilled once we get the first bicycle, or stuffed toy. We always want more.

More is Not Necessarily Better

The greatest assumption of Western Economics is that “more is better.” Without this idea, society grinds to a halt. The next time you get a 20% raise, ask for a day off of your five day workweek. Tell your slave masters that you want an extra day off to spend the time and money you have now. Tell the bosses that you have not been able to live, because you spend more time working than doing anything else.

Thoreau’s Self-Sufficiency

Henry David Thoreau proved that he could work 16 weeks a year to provide for the entire year. Do you really believe that you NEED to work 260 days out of 365 to survive? You work 37 weeks out of a year? Even with kids, do you need to spend two and a half times as many days working as you do playing? This means that for every day off you get, you spend two days working!

Do you believe in your heart that life consists of spending more time running on a treadmill than actually making progress? Let me explain. The majority of work is spent upon maintenance. Most of humanity works to work. They wake up in the morning only to work so that they have enough food to do the same tomorrow. Is this what existence is about?

No one would argue that this is what life is about. If someone tries to, ask them if they would like to go to work, only to come home, to go to sleep, only to get up to do the same the next day. In fact, ask most people what their dreams are, and they are to become, “independently wealthy.” When you ask a person what he or she means by this dream, the subject states that this means having enough money to do whatever suits his or her fancy that day.

The average person believes that this is what a child does. This idea is not entirely accurate. A child is unaware of all of the options available. An adult knows the options available from trying so many of them. This is how he or she chooses what to do. Each morning all options are available because they have tried them and found which tasks suit them and which do not.

Freedom enlightens. Living with nothing to do all day shows you that you do not really know what you want to do. Here is a lie that many of us live with. We create financial need, for if we are free, we don’t know what to do with our time.

You ever hear the phrase, “Idle hands are the devil’s workshop?” Now you know its true source.

The statement above shows that we actually believe that we cannot be trusted to do the right thing. We create external needs to constantly keep us from examining ourselves. We create external wealth to hide our inner poverty. Find yourself and you will find everything. Then enter the world. When you have your inner filled, you will be able to fulfill your outer. You will seek that which is within.

Remember that when only the universal consciousness existed, it had nothing to know outside, and no one to talk to or experience. It divided itself in order to FEEL. Without something to know, knowledge has no meaning. Your life is to find meaning. Discover what is your emptiness within, in order to fulfill it without.

Your Purpose and Your Love

Each being has a personal mission to fulfill, a niche. Search yourself to discover what you are missing, this deep seated need is your purpose. You can fulfill this. Most people try to answer that they need to find, “true love.” While often times true, this is only part of the equation. You must love yourself before anyone can love you.

Here the doctrine of selfless love needs illumination. You can love no one more than yourself. YOU CAN LOVE NO ONE MORE THAN YOURSELF. How can one be so sure? You use your own consciousness to love, so without you there is no one else to love from your point of view. Wherever you look, you are using yourself to see. Thus wherever you look, *there you are!* This is not to say that you cannot love someone as you do yourself. This is in fact exactly what masters are saying, “Love your neighbor as you love yourself.”

Self-Liking Not Self-Loathing

But most of you cannot stand yourselves. You look to love someone else using this intellect, mind, and body that you cannot stand. You spend all of your time looking outside because you cannot stand to look within. So, very simply, you are using an unloved vehicle to find love. Thus, everything that you experience is colored by your own personal discontent.

To the above statements many argue. They state that, “They really like themselves.” Is that so? Do you have anything to hide? Anything that you do not want others to know? As long as there is something about yourself that you

are ashamed of, there is part of you that you do not love. Will you ever hide the object of your affection? Ask those in love, they wish to show their paramours to everyone.

This behavior illustrates one way to learn whether or not you love your partner. When you keep your so called love hidden, your significant other knows you do not love him or her. Then again, most of us do not even love ourselves as we hide parts of ourselves from ourselves. Thus we place others dissatisfaction with us beneath our own. The cycle begins.

As a child, your parents train you on how to deny yourself. They say that you are bad because you want to eat candy all day. You begin to bury your desires to eat candy all day as wrong. Part of you becomes wrong. Welcome to self hatred, population one. In reality, your desire is not “bad,” per se. It results in you stagnating in development. Furthermore, there are other explanations that serve better. Parents can try, “I do not have the resources for you to eat candy all day. Furthermore, it makes you sick, and I can afford neither the time nor the money to heal you all of the time.” There are a multitude of answers that you can give that do not plant logical conundrums that create self-loathing in a child’s young heart.

Suppression is a useful tactic for learning balance, as long as you remember that it comes as part of a comprehensive strategy. It is a tool to build concentration. The mission is to know yourself, the tools allow you to recognize *you*. Once you know what you are, you no longer need to suppress. In fact, suppression works against your development once you arrive at adulthood. You accidentally suppress yourself along with all of these thoughts. Find yourself, and love it. Then you can love everyone and everything. Your love of self colors everything you see. Your vehicle of cognition, “you,” is loved. Hence, the objects you cognize, become loved as well.

(75) Jesus said, "Many are standing at the door, but it is the solitary who will enter the bridal chamber."

In the previous discussion, we talked about those who thirst for the Truth. These people who stand near the well, are the same who seek to enter the Kingdom of Heaven. The well, or the doorway, is the master. One who has removed his or her own ignorance of the REAL can show others what it is. What it looks like, and what it does not look like. What it FEELS like.

Self Love Is Unity of Self

Yet no matter how many stand at the door, or at the well, not all can enter. They must be ready to love themselves FIRST. One must wed one's self before one can enter into balance. The masculine and feminine or positive and negative within must pair. You are a divided soul. Very simply, without any esoteric jargon, you are divided against yourself. You have shame for parts of you that are perfectly understandable. There is no thought or feeling that you have had that someone else has not had. Everything you conceive of is conceived of by everyone else at some time.

But you don't believe this fact. Your philosophy has you imagining that you are bad. You are a bad bad child! You did not listen to your parents. You have parts within that you should not. It must be so, your parents told you so, and they love you. Realize this, your parents are no more wise than you are now. In fact, a great deal are more ignorant.

By definition, you must surpass those who have gone before. Otherwise, why would the universe want and need you? If you were more of the same, you would not be you. If everything is the same, there is no need for everything. By definition, if *everything* is the same, there is no *everything*, there is only the sameness.

You know this to be false. You *know* that you are *unique*. In your heart, you know that there is no one else quite like you. Revel in your uniqueness, the vital role you fulfill in the universe. If the universe created you, it needs you. Nothing exists superfluous, otherwise it would not BE. Vitality, that of "vital-ness." Live your vitality, your "vital-ness" to the universe.

How to reconcile these two ideas? On the one hand, you are unique, like no other. On the other, you have no thought that is unique. These two statements mean that all which comprises you is present everywhere else, just not in the same combination. You are comprised of the same cosmic energy as the entire universe in a unique form. From the same scale we can produce an infinite variation of

music. You are a combination of notes, a song, that is part of the grand symphony of the universe.

You must become solitary, undivided. Only then can you enter the bridal chamber, the place of wholeness. Marriage is a metaphor for joining and balance. A human being is balanced when its polarities are balanced. When its positive and negative, when its masculine and feminine, are balanced, a human is solitary. When you are balanced you can enter into marriage, or perfection. You must balance yourself in order to join the infinite. We must fall into love before we can love eternally.

(76) Jesus said, "The kingdom of the father is like a merchant who had a consignment of merchandise and who discovered a pearl. That merchant was shrewd. He sold the merchandise and bought the pearl alone for himself. You too, seek his unfailing and enduring treasure where no moth comes near to devour and no worm destroys."

Pearl of Wisdom

From research I discovered that this is a common parable. It is about a merchant who went on a journey. He traveled far and wide gathering goods to sell. Upon the return trip to his own country he found a priceless pearl. Instead of carting dozens of packages and trinkets, he traded all that he had for this one jewel. When his ship wrecked upon rough seas, he kept his wealth, whereas, all of the other merchants lost everything.

The priceless object is the Self. You always have you and you cannot lose you. True, you can misidentify yourself with this finite incarnation, and this dies. But your true self never dies. Invest in discovering your true self. Surrender everything that is finite, slough off all of these objects to which you identify yourself. As long as you invest in the finite, you will forever lose your wealth. There is no way to foresee every possible occurrence from a finite perspective.

More simply, you are using a finite mind to conceive of the infinite. You are at a disadvantage to say the least. Rather than trying to discover more about what is going to disappear, search for that which *is* persists. Wherever you are, your *self* is there. Yet most people define themselves in terms of external objects that disappear. Can you really define the infinite by the finite? Of course not. It is a logical impossibility to define that which never changes in terms of what always changes. It makes more sense to define the changing in terms of the unchanging.

This is the purpose for all of us. Once we understand the feelings of sensory life, we are to define experience in terms of our selves. More clearly, once you know what you are, you know what you feel. The way to know what you are is to bring yourself into alignment. That is what masters seek to show you. They seek to show you how to know yourself. They provide the tools for infinite wealth and immortality; to live forever in bliss.

I would like to posit an interesting idea for advanced seekers. What would it feel like to know everything all of the time forever? Yes, it might get boring. Do you think that you might want to forget what you know sometimes? Do you imagine that you may want to feel the quietude of ignorance? You would and you did. That is correct, you have known the all, and you wanted to forget it. Only by forgetting could you feel the joy of discovery. Now you want to know again.

NOTE: May want to insert parable “There was a father once.”

Invest in that which is always there, invest in yourself. I read a wonderful story about a family that saved money for their children’s educations. I struggled with it. How can I save money for my son’s education when money diminishes in value?

I decided to invest in land. It always appreciates in value. Until I realized that even land may be lost through eminent domain. That is right, one group of people may arbitrarily decide that my investment in my son’s future may be better spent somewhere else. “Hmph,” I thought, “What can I do to prepare for my son’s future?”

To this question I received the answer, “To invest into the future, invest in today, for the future is comes from today.” This response seems obvious. What is not so intuitive, is how to accomplish it. How does one invest in today? Invest into yourself. You are going to be wherever you are in the future. You will always be with you, so if you invest in you, you can never lose.

How does this help you children you ask? If you are existent, you will be able to help them. You worry that you will not be there. At this time, I will not examine why you worry about where you are not. However, I will say that you must invest in your children themselves in order to help them. They will always be with themselves.

So what can you give them that they cannot lose? What can you give that cannot be taken away? You can give them what you *know*, those deep truths that you have within your soul. Because most of us have no deep truths, we have nothing to give. More clearly, our truths are defined in terms of external knowledge. Our wisdom is object based.

Imagine the blacksmith who taught his children smithy right at the dawn of the industrial revolution. His hard earned knowledge expired. His son had nothing with which he could invest. Much less, did he have anything he could invest in. Teach yourself what it is you know. Then show this to your children. Show them what it feels like to have a question, show them what it feels like to answer it. Give them the tools you have discovered for knowing truth. Show them how to use these tools.

These investments never depreciate, they can never be lost. They become part of the child. Your child will know what it feels like to be wanting, he or she will now what it feels like to be fulfilled. And just as important, your child will know how to discover what he or she wants and how to figure out how to fulfill it.

Each child comes with its own questions and its own internal engine. What do you think propels it into existence? Its own deep seated desires motivate itself. All it has to do to feel fulfilled, is to discover what these desires are and to fulfill them. Many seekers find the path of renunciation and nothing else. These individuals suppress all of their bodily desires only to come back to finish them. They birthed themselves into experience, then they try to deny that experience by explaining it away. If you imagine that you are born, there is a reason. The reason cannot be that you imagined that you were born to imagine that you were not born. These are mental games. You would not need to imagine a body in order to imagine that you did not have one. You have done all this as consciousness alone. You have a desire to fulfill. Find it and fulfill it. You are a reason. You are a question that God asked himself. He wanted to know something, he asked, and she delivered. Together they make a circle. He asks, she answers. Together they are ONE.

(77) Jesus said, "It is I who am the light which is above them all. It is I who am the all. From me did the all come forth, and unto me did the all extend. Split a piece of wood, and I am there. Lift up the stone, and you will find me there."

One who merges speaks as the master here. The consciousness that merges with the infinite knows, in the body, that there is no separation between it and all consciousness. Eternal consciousness pervades all. It is the binding force of energy underlying the entire manifest world. This consciousness speaks here, declaring itself the ALL.

It exists not only through specific holy places and persons, but through all things. It does not take a special religion or language to address it. Each subject or object can commune with it independently or as a whole. It is as unlimited as only infinite truth can be.

(78) Jesus said, "Why have you come out into the desert? To see a reed shaken by the wind? And to see a man clothed in fine garments like your kings and your great men? Upon them are the fine garments, and they are unable to discern the truth."

You Are Tiny Yet All Encompassing

Rhetorically, the master asks, "Why you come to see him?" He answers that it cannot be for the external trappings of glory, for you can get those at home. In your city you can see fine garments, though underneath you find individuals who cannot "discern the truth." In other words, you come out to the desert to find one who knows. Out at the fringes of the habitable world, in the allegedly uninhabitable, you find the master. He or she *knows* the immortal reality is from direct experience.

Ironic. Those who know so much in this world, as wise as they are, they have not answered the most important of questions, "What is there that never passes away?" Furthermore, most of those who have allegedly answered, they do not live as if they believe their answers. In other words, the so called masters of spirituality rarely live what they are so busy telling you that they *know*.

Lastly, there are masters who have experienced the divine reality, but even fewer of them can tell you how to live in this NOW. Their perfection is outdated for you.

The fact that you are reading this book shows that it is your time for YOU. Everything you have seen and done during this finite life is meaningful. Earth alone is 4.5 billion years old by our current radioactive carbon dating system. Your measly 100 years out of 4,500,000,000 is not much time. It gets better. I know you always get worried when I tell you things are about to get better, it usually means "worse," by regular standards.

The Earth is roughly 8,000 miles in diameter, which means that you can draw a line of this distance right through the center of it. Our solar system extends to approximately 8,000,000,000 miles across. Even the Earth is less than 1 to 1,000,000th the size of our solar system which is so small as to be insignificant in the Milky Way, our galaxy. There are millions of these galaxies in the known universe. You are less than 6ft to 8,000 miles. Need I do further arithmetic? I think not.

This math is not only to crush any belief in personal gravity, it is to show that all that we hold so dear covers an insignificant amount of space even by basic standards of physics. We are not even using extremely large or small numbers. In our simple model of Earth we are a specks!

Yet, you know of your own importance. In fact, you are tantamount to everything you cognize. You loom massive in any cognition of reality you attempt. Again, “Wherever you go, there you are.” Even in the example above, you are more massive than the Milky Way. “What?,” you say. That is right, try to think of the Milky Way without using yourself. It is impossible, for *you* are present to you when the Milky Way is not. *You* always exist to *yourself*. The point of the exercise above, is to show you several key things: 1. You are tiny when compared to the objective scientific world. 2. You are massive compared to the subjective scientific world. 3. All conceptions of reality, because they come from within, outweigh any amount of external science. 4. Your self importance is TRUE for yourself, and hence, what you personally know about reality is all that matters.

The only thing that you know is that you exist. From this, you must refine your conception of yourself in order to *know* reality. This does not mean that one needs to ditch all external science. Use it as a tool, a model for viewing and describing “reality.” Models approximate reality in order to allow one to make predictions and choices in very select circumstances. No model can capture the infinite as that would make it finite. All scientific models are conceptions with specific applications.

Knowing yourselves takes much more dedication than most people are familiar with. You dedicate at least twelve years of elementary through secondary school learning how to communicate in society. How long do you spend learning to communicate with yourself? To learn subject familiarization, you spend at least two years on major subject courses for the bachelor’s degree. For mastery, you generally add two more years. For the doctorate add about another three years for difficult subjects.

You spend nary a thought on yourself for many decades. Aim for a world where people know what they are and what they are studying. The two together make for perfection, within and without.. This is Truth

(79) A woman from the crowd said to him, "Blessed are the womb which bore you and the breasts which nourished you."

He said to her, "Blessed are those who have heard the word of the father and have truly kept it. For there will be days when you will say, 'Blessed are the womb which has not conceived and the breasts which have not given milk.'"

Jesus compares the womb and breasts of the woman in the material world, to that of the consciousness in the nonmaterial realm. You are the womb which gives birth to your next incarnation. You are the one who guarantees that you will die to be born again. Because you chase after the mortal, you become mortal. When you chase after the immortal, you become immortal.

We Are What We Eat

Take for example the habitats of predators and their favorite prey. They share the same habitats. When you chase something ceaselessly, you begin to take upon you characteristics of that goal. Listen to the wisdom of the ancient adage, "You are what you eat?" What physical substances actually comprise your body? Your food. So, what are we in society today?

We are sweet without substance, large with emptiness, and chemically deep with shallow lives.

We eat sugar substitutes or white sugar itself. Our bodies are massive with empty calories, and our meat is comprised of hormonally supercharged animals that live in cages. They live short shallow existences.

When your consciousnesses no longer create your future bodies, then your wombs have not conceived. When you no longer feed your empty desires for the future, your breasts do not give milk. When you do not fertilize your seed for another death and life with unfulfilled desires, then you are immortal.

Take the simple example of the physical body alone. Most of us want to be taller or faster. These two things alone are enough to bring about at least one more death and life. What these desires mean, is that we want more of this world. When we no longer seek more of this world, we are immortal.

Although you may understand the futility of wanting more, that does not mean that you can "think" your way out of life. Your desires have to be fulfilled, not suppressed. These ideas show why you have to "live" life to avoid dying. If you live your life waiting for something, then that thing has to come. If you dream of a heaven where you see everyone you know again, doing the same things, that is what you get.

A visual helps to see these desires for heaven as the milk for you next birth. Ask most people what they dream of. They dream that they will have unlimited youth and sex. Health and wealth. Children and toys. All of these things can be gained on Earth. Do we need another heaven to get them? Nope. Look all around you, you see heaven and hell right here. You can be born in the hell of poverty, or the heaven of wealth. These are what keep you in Earth life. Make note here. There is no shame at being human. It is a privilege that we all die to gain. When you have fulfilled your dreams, you are done. The key then, again, is to discover which dreams come from within you and which are societal layers piled upon you. Your dreams enable you to return to immortality, for it was your dreams which made you mortal.

(80) Jesus said, "He who has recognized the world has found the body, but he who has found the body is superior to the world."

Transcend the Body, the World

When you hear the universe laugh, you witness irony, the humor of the absolute. Masters speak in many ironies. There are two main layers to this verse. First, there is the physical. The world is the manifested body of the cosmic consciousness. The consciousness of the universe decided to commit part of itself to the physical. Thus, the manifest world IS the body of God. Once you recognize the body of God as such, you transcend it, you become "superior" to it.

Next, the material world is finite and ever-changing. When you recognize that the world is finite, you have discovered the body. You see the perishable nature of the body, you transcend it. You *know* that the body is finite, you become infinite. You can never become finite, for you will always be with yourself. You are always You, just ask yourself. Can you conceive of a time where *you* are not? No you cannot, for you are not there to conceive of it. And if you are there to conceive, then you *are there*.

NOTE: Possible elaboration or clarification of above paragraph.

(81) Jesus said, "Let him who has grown rich be king, and let him who possesses power renounce it."

Richness in mystic schools consists of possession of the self. When you possess the self, you have the only thing which you can ever really possess. You can only have that which can never be taken away. True ownership is achieved in a timeless sense. This is wealth. Everything else you capture in this world is transient. The fact that you had to secure something proves that there exists a time when you do not have this object. Realization implies realizing that you have always had yourself, and that you always will. You become the richest by holding that which you have ever had, instead of by chasing that which you never will have.

(82) Jesus said, "He who is near me is near the fire, and he who is far from me is far from the kingdom."

Stand in the presence of the master. His inner light of truth illuminates truth and falsehood alike. When you are false, you feel a burn in his presence. When you are true, you feel warmth. A person who gets burned by a fire stays away from it, he who feels its warmth stays near. He who is false avoids the realized soul who burns his lies. He who is true stays near to the warmth of the Kingdom of Truth.

So, you might say, the televangelist makes you feel warm inside. So go closer to him. You may say that I burn you, so I must be false. The truth never burns truth, but it always burns the false. So if your master does not burn anyone, he is not a master. If you are truth, you are warmed and comforted by him. If you are lies, you are burned and discomforted.

(83) Jesus said, "The images are manifest to man, but the light in them remains concealed in the image of the light of the father. He will become manifest, but his image will remain concealed by his light."

See the Light Everywhere and You are EnLIGHTened

When you have one light next to another much brighter one, you only see the brightest. Take the sun and the stars. During the day, all you can see is the local star, Sol. At night, you can see the other more distant bodies. Jesus states that although all things are self-illuminating, man cannot see them. He loses them in the "light of the father."

Again, the father is the Universal, the Absolute, the enlightening principle itself. Although it becomes manifest through the universe, it is concealed by its own light. When you realize your infinite self, you cannot see it directly. Can the light illuminate itself? Ludicrous. The light is the *light*. It cannot illuminate that which it is. Can the water wet itself? Can space envelop itself? Or can fire burn itself? None. Nunca.

You can know your illumination by that around you. When everything you see is bright as if from inner light, you have succeeded. When you illuminate all around, *you are*.

(84) Jesus said, "When you see your likeness, you rejoice. But when you see your images which came into being before you, and which neither die nor become manifest, how much you will have to bear!"

When you see your likeness upon this Earth, that which you "look like," you rejoice in it. But when you see your images, your eternal self, which came into being before your likeness; and you fail to manifest it, you are crushed. You cannot bear the fact that your eternal self is not here. It is a burden to bear to know that you are greater than you have been behaving as.

NOTE: Elaborate or rewrite

(85) Jesus said, "Adam came into being from a great power and a great wealth, but he did not become worthy of you. For had he been worthy, he would not have experienced death."

The Worthy Seize Their Immortality from Themselves

To Jesus audience, their ancestor Adam is nearly worshipped. Father Abraham, and all of the progenitors are looked upon with honor. For this young man to challenge the worthiness of a patriarch is quite audacious. Masters are nothing if not apparently bold. They must be, to challenge the truths of their days. He explains the justification for this courage. If these ancestors were so great, they would not have died. They would have enjoyed eternal life.

This idea of immortality begs the question, if these masters are so great, why are they dead? You don't "see" them. The finite can never conceive of the infinite. You cannot put something which always is, into something which is changing. The immortal outlasts the mortal. You cannot, in your present state conceive of the unchanging. You yourself are changing at this very moment. Think of the physical realm as moving with a common rate of change. As long as your movement is that of a different rate as everything else, the world appears changing.

When you match your momentum to that of the rest of the universe, it no longer appears in motion. Think of the universe like a train. If you are running down the train cars, it always seems different. If you stand still, you are really moving at the same rate as the train. When you are moving at this constant rate, or are steady, you see the entire world as one. This is the goal for this life. To slow your course corrections, to stop moving enough to allow yourself to match the rest of the universe. Once you match everything is in harmony.

NOTE: Possible re-word of this paragraph above.

Think of yourself as an arrow shot at a target. You started course correcting one day in order to meet your target quicker. Your corrections pushed you off course. Rather than to keep correcting, you must allow your past changes to cascade. This is renunciation, finding out what all of your history has created. Once you know what you are now, you have matched the background. Then, all of your actions are in harmony with everything else.

So where is Adam? He has either ascended to perfection in perfect balance, or he is walking amongst us. He could be you, or anyone you know. How is one to know the difference between an Adam and a Jesus? Either by realizing yourself or by witnessing a realized soul, you can know whether a person is immortal. Reading about them may help you to know. Better yet, walk the path yourself.

(86) Jesus said, "The foxes have their holes and the birds have their nests, but the son of man has no place to lay his head and rest."

To the Immortal All Places are Home

We are all born of God, then we are placed into corporeal existence. When we can birth ourselves back into immortality while in physical incarnation, we become the sons of man by Jesus doctrine. It is involved logic to me. I say, that we are immortal, and that we must realize this. When you are born of yourself, you are born from the immortal to the immortal. You are self-evident and self-contained. You are truth.

When you are truth, do you need a place for your body, for your head? No. When you are born of yourself, you always have this immortal core. You need no place outside of yourself. You want no place outside of yourself. You rest in yourself with yourself. You always have a place to call home.

(87) Jesus said, "Wretched is the body that is dependent upon a body, and wretched is the soul that is dependent on these two."

Wretched is the Person Dependent Upon Flesh

A body dependent upon a body is condemned to death. It is finitude dependent upon the finite. A soul dependent upon these two is wretched as well. It imagines itself finite, hence, it dies to be reborn endlessly. A body is by definition dependent upon the soul, it has no energy source without it.

A soul is not dependent upon a body, but to effect change on this plane in this now, it IS. In other words, to affect the mortal, one must take a mortal existence. To remain immortal, one only has to be aware of one's immortality. Thinking about your immortality will not help.

Try teaching a child to do the right thing without the physical world. Shelter the child and teach it from books. What happens when you release the baby into the world later in life? You get dangers to the child and others. It has no personal experience of that which you taught, it is all just vapors to them. They become willing slaves to any who can present a cogent argument. They have no feeling for the truth from experience with which to verify.

They believe that logical accuracy in the absence of reality is truth. They seek things to prove that which they were taught to believe instead of experiencing life and *knowing* what truth feels like. They do not gravitate to the truth, they search for feeling like they did in your sheltered household. They seek the feeling that they get when someone shelters them from difficult details. This is the life they seek, a recipe for disaster. They have no abilities to conquer actual reality.

When you have been taught to feel and know the truth and then sent to experience the false, you know the feeling of inner truth contrasted against outer falsehood. When you have been taught the so called truth, and never felt the contrast to it by experience, you think that truth is a feeling of comfort. This is not always the case. Do not seek comfort as your guidepost to truth. Comfort often leads you to great company if you enjoy the companionship of the childish.

Truth finds comfort in and of itself. When it condescends to interact with the false, it knows the festering of falsehood. Feel this contrast. Until you are truth, seek this convergence zone. You will recognize this transition area between truth and falsehood. Remain here until you know what your truth is. Discover it within by mapping it against falsehoods without. This shows you your truth. Then perform in your niche. In harmony you become at peace.

If your role is that of a warrior, you will know peace only when acting as a warrior. If you are a coward, you will only know peace when you are afraid and surrendering. Know what you are within, then you find the harmonious without. Do not mistake old behavior for peace. In this world of many forms, old behavior is comfortable, new behavior is discomfoting. Neither is necessarily reflective of your truth. You must discover what you are by eliminating external leeches to your consciousness. Then you slowly re-add them to your experience. Once you are stabilized, you can know what you are with respect to these external manifestations of consciousness. You enjoy them, but you are no longer dependent upon them.

NOTE: Possible insertion of battered individual story. Bad feels good and good feels bad.

(88) Jesus said, "The angels and the prophets will come to you and give to you those things you (already) have. And you too, give them those things which you have, and say to yourselves, 'When will they come and take what is theirs?'"

You are the Arbiter of Your Own Immortality

To most listeners, the angels and the prophets come to give immortality. You award them with the same, immortality. You say that they are immortal and you worship them with words and physical honors. Yet in reality, they are giving you immortality, and you are not accepting it. You accept mortality, and give it back. Thus, you die, and their messages die in your ears. For you assign mortality to them, for that is all you have.

Yet mortality belongs to no one. It changes constantly, and never lasts. It is finite, therefore UNREAL. You cannot surrender mortality nor can you receive it. You may imagine that you have it, but you do not. For anything that changes possession never really belongs to those who imagine that they own it. We buy property, but do we really own it? Buy a piece of land, go take a look at it and then sell it. Take a look again, see any difference? Nope.

You imagine you own the land for a time, but you do not, as it has never changed hands. Only a piece of paper has floated around. The true possessor of the land is Earth, by definition, land is part of Earth. Technically all that imagine that they are the body alone, they belong to Earth as well. From the global perspective, matter remains unchanged. Becoming immortal can be thought of as widening one's perspective until you see everything as ONE.

When you know that all is really one, all encompassing infinite, you become one with that immortality. You become that One. For example, you think that you are the body, you believe that you are mortal. So you identify with country, Rome. Yet Rome comes and goes, so you identify with nation, you are Latin. Then again, Latin becomes mixed, so you become Religion. The Essenes are gone and thus mortal, so you identify with humanity. Then again where are the dinosaurs? Species come and go too. You choose living organisms which were not here 4.5 billion years ago. How about matter? OK, light a fire and burn the matter, now it is all gas. Jump to the end of this logic loop and become energy. When you identify with energy you are the entire manifested universe. You know this, you know all.

(89) Jesus said, "Why do you wash the outside of the cup? Do you not realize that he who made the inside is the same one who made the outside?"

Seek Within, Not Without

The outside of the cup in this analogy can be thought of as your body, the inside of the cup your personality. The master always asks why you cleanse your body without cleansing your mind. You perform all of these rites from moral admonishments to physical ones. Yet the whole time you neglect your own logical inconsistencies. You allow one lie to follow you everywhere, the idea that you are a good person when you know that by your own standards you are horrible. You create an impossible to reach standard and pretend that you feel fine even though you never meet it. You do not feel good about this. You are ashamed of your failures. Yet deep inside you know that by definition you cannot be imperfect, otherwise your entire existence is unreliable.

Understand your perfection, discover what that is, and be that. As long as you compare yourself to the outside using an imperfect instrument, yourself, you will fail to meet anything solid. You are relative to your own standard. You cannot find an absolute until you become absolute. The way to become absolute is to mercilessly remove the inconsistencies in your reasoning and behavior with respect to yourself and the rest of the world. Solidify your logic, and you will find out what you really know. From here, you can always build. One cannot start with a sliding standard and expect to find anything other than the relative.

(90) Jesus said, "Come unto me, for my yoke is easy and my lordship is mild, and you will find repose for yourselves."

A better way to translate this phrase into a workable regimen may be to say, my yoke is "straightforward." Their methodology is unwaveringly simple, but like the Mandelbrot set of numbers, this simplicity produces extremely complex results. Have very few rules and apply them unceasingly. When you do this, find repose for your mind.

"Discover what you are and be that." Once you know what you are, you are relaxed because you do not have to do anymore analysis of what you see or do. You just behave as you do. This is relatively easy and relaxing compared to calculating a dozen rules all of the time.

NOTE: Story of one-armed judo guy.

(91) They said to him, "Tell us who you are so that we may believe in you."

He said to them, "You read the face of the sky and of the earth, but you have not recognized the one who is before you, and you do not know how to read this moment."

See the Infinite All Around You

Not for the first time, students ask a master how to know that he is a master. They want him to teach what he is by comparative analysis. Very simply Jesus rebukes them. They can see the sky and Earth for what they are without comparing them to others, yet they cannot see Him. Because they cannot see him, he rightly explains that they cannot read a moment, much less anything else.

(92) Jesus said, "Seek and you will find. Yet, what you asked me about in former times and which I did not tell you then, now I do desire to tell, but you do not inquire after it."

Here the man of Galilee hints at his past. He says that he was asked in "former times" for something and that he did not give it. Now he is ready to tell it, but they do not ask about "it" anymore. What are "former times," and what is "it?"

First, "former times" is a way for a master to refer to a different lifetime. In these former times, Jesus WAS, and the questioners WERE as well. What did ancients ask that he did not answer? They asked about the secrets of eternal life. Jesus had no desire to tell them the secrets then. He may have had many reasons. One reason, is that they did not have the faculties to comprehend the secrets.

Dissemination of the truth to those who cannot comprehend it hinders progress. This does not mean that you withhold the truth, it means that you answer the breadth of their questions as best as they can understand. You do not tell children about subatomic particles when they cannot conceive of atomic particles. You stick to the language they speak minimizing any future contradictions.

When a seeker went to ancient master in the East, he had to "bring the firewood." In those times, this was life. The questor brought life to the master in order to illustrate his commitment to learning. By surrendering all that he had materially, he showed his willingness to sacrifice all that he thought that he was, for what he truly *is*.

(93) Jesus said, "Do not give what is holy to dogs, lest they throw them on the dung-heap. Do not throw the pearls to swine, lest they [...] it [...]."

Pearls Before Swine

These common sentiments explain both the previous verses and many future ones. You do not give that which is priceless to dogs. You do not give the pearls of your wisdom to those who are only interested in what they can physically eat. A pig has no use for pearls, if it does not serve the animal's material interests it is not revered.

A master rarely shares his wisdom with the ignorant. Those of you who do not understand what they say have no need for it. In fact, you will desecrate and demean it.

(94) Jesus said, "He who seeks will find, and he who knocks will be let in."

Ask and Ye Shall Receive

The rule of the universe is "Ask and ye shall receive." This means that you must sincerely ask for grace. Not that you ask for free gifts. You pay for everything, so you must be willing to trade for that which you want. Sometimes the asking itself is the payment, and other times there are additional installments.

Willingness is all that is asked. You never know when it will be converted. Like the old mafia movies, you owe a favor that may never be returned. It is not for you to decide when the universe needs what it is you have promised. The idea of grace comes from the fact that you in fact possess nothing that can be taken or given away. Also, your first inheritance as spirit, or incarnation IS grace. God, the universe, gave it to you out of love of itself; love of *you*. All that belongs to you belongs to the universe. As needed, you serve each other.

(95) Jesus said, "If you have money, do not lend it at interest, but give it to one from whom you will not get it back."

Masters state that you ought to give away what you have earned to those whom will not return it. The simplest way to read this phrase is do action without reaction. Break the karmic cycle. As long as you do with thought of return, you are sowing the seeds of death and future birth. Work without thought of anything other than the action you perform. When you negotiate for money negotiate for money. When you earn money, earn that which you negotiated for. Do not negotiate for that which you are working, work for it. Do not work for that which you are negotiating for; negotiate for it.

Also, when giving away things, most people are storing in the cosmic bank account. They really do charity, for "God will return it tenfold." These are not charitable people, they are business persons making investments. Ten to one, huh? Not bad return on investment (ROI) eh? Furthermore they want to get paid twice. They get the good feeling of charity, and then they want the tenfold increase. This is theft.

Therefore, give to those who do not give back, so you are sure not to be investing in the karmic bank account.

(96) Jesus said, "The kingdom of the father is like a certain woman. She took a little leaven, concealed it in some dough, and made it into large loaves. Let him who has ears hear."

The Kingdom of heaven is the immortal truth. It is dense and fertile. This apparently small amount can fuel the growth of greatness. Take your truth and place it where it can buttress. Goddess also hid the soul in the body to give it life. When it grew within it made the dead matter living and holy. When it became subordinate to matter, the soul decayed. Imagine the yeast, or leaven getting subordinated by the rest of the inactive dough. This is how the world generally is today. People take truth and pollute it with falsehood.

NOTE: May want more examples of Goddess

(97) Jesus said, "The kingdom of the father is like a certain woman who was carrying a jar full of meal. While she was walking on the road, still some distance from home, the handle of the jar broke and the meal emptied out behind her on the road. She did not realize it; she had noticed no accident. When she reached her house, she set the jar down and found it empty."

You have the truth, the kingdom of heaven, yet you do not realize it. You wander down the road, with your materials in a sack. Along the path of life, you spring a leak, dropping your meal everywhere. When you finally get to your home, you find that you possess nothing. You have misplaced your eternal truth somewhere along the road. You did not even notice! Find your truth, you still have it within. It is too late to stop from losing track of yourself, you must rediscover it. Most people are trying to hold onto what you no longer have within their focus.

(98) Jesus said, "The kingdom of the father is like a certain man who wanted to kill a powerful man. In his own house he drew his sword and stuck it into the wall in order to find out whether his hand could carry through. Then he slew the powerful man."

Test Yourself, Then Apply

You are both the house, the killer, the sword, and the powerful man. You create yourself by desires. Within this person exists the seed of truth, or the kingdom of heaven. It seeks to test itself within itself to verify its efficacy. Then, it spreads. So step by step, your truth cuts through lies and misconceptions. You test it upon your own internal illogic, then you spread it to your external lies. This analogy can be stretched to the entire world if necessary. You to yourself. Yourself to those around you. Those around you to those around them.

(99) The disciples said to him, "Your brothers and your mother are standing outside."

He said to them, "Those here who do the will of my father are my brothers and my mother. It is they who will enter the kingdom of my father."

Spiritual Brothers and Sisters

To the worldly man family lines are drawn by blood relations. To the master, brotherhood is determined by spiritual lines. I call my mother sister.. I call my closest friends, brothers and sisters alike. To us, when we are of common purpose we are family. When we are divided, *we* are not. There is no *we* when we are not of one purpose. Those who live the truth enter into it, those who do not, remain in lies. We are moving beyond the world of division in the human family. Those who embrace their truth within and become their own masters will all be one family.

(100) They showed Jesus a gold coin and said to him, "Caesar's men demand taxes from us."

He said to them, "Give Caesar what belongs to Caesar, give God what belongs to God, and give me what is mine."

House Rules-Render Unto Caesar

This is a test of Jesus. People are trying to get him to become a subversive. They want him to say that he owes no taxes, or that he himself outranks Caesar. Rather than to fall into the trap, he uses the opportunity to fulfill his message. This is how a master works, everything serves his or her purpose.

Therefore, Jesus states that you should give Caesar, the king of the finite, more which is finite. Give him your money not your liberty, not your soul. Next, Jesus says give God what is his. Since everything is God's and God always possesses it, this statement sounds like an affirmation, unless, you contrast it with the earlier sentence about finitude. Then, it means give the eternal to the eternal. Commit yourself to yourself. You are eternal, and your soul is eternal. Act accordingly.

Finally he says that you should give him what is his. He demands to be recognized. All that a messenger asks is acknowledgement. His payment for delivery of the message is recognition of the message, which in turn, equals recognition of the messenger. If you honor what he delivers, you honor him. Tell him the truth.

(101) Jesus said, "Whoever does not hate his father and his mother as I do cannot become a disciple to me. And whoever does not love his father and his mother as I do cannot become a disciple to me. For my mother [...], but my true mother gave me life."

This incomplete verse refers to statements made earlier. The master hates the external rules of father's and mother's. These guidelines may serve children, but they hinder the adult. If you only studied information fit for children, you may never understand anything to any level of depth. You remain a child yourself. Imagine being forced to wear the diapers of children, this is what parental admonitions are to a master.

Next, a master does not revere the physical life given by a physical mother. He or she worships the eternal life granted by the eternal mother, Goddess. For the mystic, the eternal mother represents experience. She gives us the manifest world. The way to worship something is to enjoy it for what it is. To worship the material life, you must experience it in its transient states, a transitory wonder. Know how temporary the finite world of flowers, wind, and rain is. When you experience this feeling, your entire world fills with wonderment and appreciation. What you see now will never be again in the same way. The world "outside" dances for you, feel the rhythm.

NOTE: Poetry about the union of masculine and feminine may help here. These statements shock most persons, they cannot conceive of their lives in terms of anything other than this personality that is the source of all of their miseries. They think that truth is the cause of their pain. They choose illogic over logic, carefully crafted inconsistencies whose fruit is pain, rather than simple truths whose fruit is repose.

(102) Jesus said, "Woe to the pharisees, for they are like a dog sleeping in the manger of oxen, for neither does he eat nor does he let the oxen eat."

The Pharisees represent the false religious leaders of both Jesus time and ours. They sit in your temple and they guard the truth even though they do not understand it themselves. As if the truth needs to be protected against falsehood. The UNREAL, that which is untrue, cannot affect the REAL, that which is true. Ridiculous. These leaders hide the truth which they cannot consume themselves. You are the oxen that they use to do their labors. They enslave you as a beast of burden from which they withhold its rightful produce. Neither do they eat, nor do you.

(103) Jesus said, "Fortunate is the man who knows where the brigands will enter, so that he may get up, muster his domain, and arm himself before they invade."

Husband Your Liberty

You are fortunate to know that these brigands seek to enter into your heart. For, you can muster your defenses, your truth, against their falsehoods, lies. Prepare yourself and yours against encroachments upon your liberty.

(104) They said to Jesus, "Come, let us pray today and let us fast." Jesus said, "What is the sin that I have committed, or wherein have I been defeated? But when the bridegroom leaves the bridal chamber, then let them fast and pray."

Here, the disciples want to fast and pray, they are trying to win favor with their master, for they believe that he is like the other leaders. These leaders reward the disciples when they say "holy" things. Not so with Jesus, he is not fooled. He asks them, what mistake has he made that he needs to fast and pray? He rhetorically asks, how has he been defeated that he needs to fast and pray.

Then he answers. He states that when the bridegroom leaves the bridal chamber, then, *they* need to fast and pray. He is the bridegroom becoming one in the self. He is balancing his polarity, his masculine and feminine. When he has done so, he is *one*. When he merges with himself, the disciples need to perform their oblations. Once a master becomes *one*, you have a doorway into the infinite, then you worship. A master has no need of worshipping outside, for he has connected all within. He has but to remain in himself.

(105) Jesus said, "He who knows the father and the mother will be called the son of a harlot."

He who knows the infinite concept as well as the manifest universe will be called the son of a whore. Here Jesus states that one who knows the reality will be persecuted. As he loves all equally, he will be called the son of a whore, who "loves," anyone. This is how his detractors think of love, as physical love. This knower will be called no end of names. Those who do not know the infinite cannot stand to hear otherwise. They slander and defame all who contradict.

NOTE: May need elaboration

(106) Jesus said, "When you make the two one, you will become the sons of man, and when you say, 'Mountain, move away,' it will move away."

Harmony of Self With The Universe

This verse is addressed earlier. When you become one in the self, you birth yourself. When you birth yourself, you become immortal. When you are infinite, your desires match pace with the rest of the manifest world. Think of the man on Earth who moves at the same speed as mercury. He moves relatively faster, as a result, nothing he aims for does he hit when he expects to. When you are in harmony with the world around you, you get everything when you expect to.

NOTE: Reference earlier verse about "mountains, move," and insert example of universe as queued up at the kitchen or server.

(107) Jesus said, "The kingdom is like a shepherd who had a hundred sheep. One of them, the largest, went astray. He left the ninety-nine sheep and looked for that one until he found it. When he had gone to such trouble, he said to the sheep, 'I care for you more than the ninety-nine.'"

Potential Self-Masters-Wandering Sheep

Sheep are generally cowards with no true individual minds. They move as a mob. When one who is born can walk his own path, he has a massive ego. It takes this massive personality to find the truth, as it goes against anything the sheep mind believe is true. Hence, the largest sheep, or best, is the one that has its own momentum. It leaves the fold in order to find the REAL.

For these persons, masters always search. They neither seek those who are the leaders of the current philosophy of the day, nor do they seek those who only want to replace the current dogma with their own. They want the "largest sheep," those with capacity for both greater evil and greater good. Such is liberty. Only together with the ability to do anything do your actions show meaning. A master is one who chooses from a menu with everything on it. If all options are not there, you did not really choose. Or in other words, doing right with no option of wrong means there was no choice at all. This is no measure of character.

(108) Jesus said, "He who will drink from my mouth will become like me. I myself shall become he, and the things that are hidden will be revealed to him."

A master says, those that imbibe what he distributes become like him. If he is united and one, those who become like him become one. When one becomes like a master, that person possesses the same knowledge. They both know what goes unspoken, what is hidden. You become one with the knower, and the knowledge, you become one with what is now hidden from your vantage point.

(109) Jesus said, "The kingdom is like a man who had a hidden treasure in his field without knowing it. And after he died, he left it to his son. The son did not know (about the treasure). He inherited the field and sold it. And the one who bought it went plowing and found the treasure. He began to lend money at interest to whomever he wished."

Till Yourself to Find Your Eternal Self

The kingdom of heaven, or the truth-you, is hidden within the field given you by your father. Your body is the field you inherited from your eternal father. You can nurse the infinite truth within, or you can sow more desires for mortal life. Most sons inherit this fertile field for truth, instead of plowing the field for the fulfilling fruit, children sell it for more material wealth.

Wise students will acquire a field ripe for truth by investing their time into it. They invest, sacrificing in the field. They sacrifice to get the field and to sow it. Once they work the field, it sprouts infinite truth. He can give this truth to all around and it only grows. You only possess something by worshipping it for what it is. When you use a farm for farming, you are living. When an artist uses his brush for art, he is living his truth. When you use yourself for your intended purpose, you worship and flourish.

(110) Jesus said, "Whoever finds the world and becomes rich, let him renounce the world."

Renounce the World

The rich man must surrender his worth, what he has invested in, this materialism, in order to reach truth. If you find the REAL world, you become rich. Then renounce this world. This does not mean that you do not accept anything, or that you give everything you have away. Although, both methods may serve for a time. In the end, when you truly renounce future desires, you are wealthy. You possess only desires for the now. You no longer sow seeds for the future. Find the world all around you, now, then renounce the so called world that does not exist, the future. If your now is always perfect, you have no worries for the future.

(111) Jesus said, "The heavens and the earth will be rolled up in your presence. And the one who lives from the living one will not see death." Does not Jesus say, "Whoever finds himself is superior to the world?"

SELF is Eternal

When you finally find the eternal self which powers your consciousness, you have the eternal. This is the you that never changes, that is omnipresent in your view. Birth yourself from that which never dies, and you will never die. Thus, birth yourself from your eternal self, and you are superior to the finite born from the finite world.

NOTE: May need example of perfect living now. A perfect day in a perfect week, in a perfect month in a perfect year in a perfect life.

(112) Jesus said, "Woe to the flesh that depends on the soul; woe to the soul that depends on the flesh."

Merge Soul and Flesh

Woe to the flesh that depends upon the soul for it will die. Woe be to the soul that depends upon the flesh, for it is trapped in the cycle of birth and death, of mortality. Do not depend upon that which is finite, you will surely die. Depend upon that which is immortal, the eternal source for all of your incarnations, *you*, your soul. You must merge the two for there to be eternal life now. Your soul and body must become one.

(113) His disciples said to him, "When will the kingdom come?" Jesus said, "It will not come by waiting for it. It will not be a matter of saying 'here it is' or 'there it is.' Rather, the kingdom of the father is spread out upon the earth, and men do not see it."

As I mention earlier, the Kingdom of Heaven, or the eternal truth, is immortal. Since it is immortal, it must be timeless, and omnipresent, or space less as well. Therefore, by simple logic alone, you can prove that the truth is always here. If you await it, it will never arrive. That which arrives was once not here. If it is ever conditional, it is not eternal truth. The eternal, by definition, is always present, you just fail to see it.

(114) Simon Peter said to him, "Let Mary leave us, for women are not worthy of life."

Jesus said, "I myself shall lead her in order to make her male, so that she too may become a living spirit resembling you males. For every woman who will make herself male will enter the kingdom of heaven."

Mary, Masculine, and Feminine

As ever, Simon Peter, or Peter as modern Christians know him, is obsessed with purity. Why would he want someone else to leave the presence of a master? He must fear that she will hurt either the master or the disciples. Can another diminish the infinite? No. So she cannot harm Jesus. If this other person can hurt Peter or his friends, then this person is greater than they. Thus Peter fears Mary for she is either greater than Jesus, or greater than he and his compatriots. She is not greater than Jesus, or Jesus would be learning from her. Hence, she is greater than the disciples.

Yet Jesus tells them not to worry. He says that he will balance her femininity with masculinity, so that she becomes *one* as well. Then her femaleness is balanced with maleness. What we do not see, is that Jesus is balancing their maleness with femaleness. The path of realization is different for men and women. Men think their way into feeling. Women feel their way into thinking. Remember always though, that woman does not necessarily equal feminine, nor male, masculine. Both genders must balance themselves to become perfect.

Conclusion

I hope you have enjoyed this read. Most importantly, remember, it is only a tool for your own self mastery. If you seek to contact me please send an e-mail to gouthum@perfectparadox.net

Appendix I

Here are some questions I usually give Seekers to help them find themselves and their life purposes:

1. You are going to die, probably in the next fifteen minutes. What would you want to say that you were doing.
2. If you were going to die in the next fifteen minutes, what would you want to say that you did in the world.
3. If you could change one thing in the world what would it be.
4. If you had to justify your existence, what is the one thing that you would want to say you did.
5. If you had/wanted to change one thing about the world, what would it be.
6. What is worth dying for?
 - a. That is what is worth living for
7. What is the one thing in the world that you could never accept?
8. OK, accept it. Now that you are willing to accept anything, you can have everything.

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