

The Spiritual Meaning of Political Systems

Study Guide for Online Meetings on PL 242

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Week 1: Divine Origins Intermix with Distortions

One of the greatest pitfalls for human understanding in every area when it tries to comprehend the universal truths and the cosmic reality of life in which you dwell, is this dualistic "*this is right and that is wrong.*" I said this so many times. Now I bring this principle to this very topic. PL 242

The Spiritual Meaning of Political Systems

I will speak about the best-known political systems on your earth plane at this point in your evolution, in your history. I shall explain the divine origin of each of these systems and the distortions in each. I will then show you how every one of these systems, in their divine as well as in their distorted manifestations, is a reality of man's internal world. From there we shall, in the end, proceed to gain perhaps a clearer vision of new age politics.

The new age politicians must beware of embracing one form of government against another form of government. The nature of new age politics will be precisely in not being partisan, not only within the nation, but even as far as outer forms of governments are concerned.

The new age politician's task is indeed to represent all forms of government as the world knows them today in their divine expressions. This will and can happen if man opens his channel and sees the unity within the apparent contradiction. PL 242

Finding the Grain of Truth

There must be a **grain of truth** in such opinions, perhaps differing from how they were expressed to you -- or how you understood them. Consider them with honesty and with absolute goodwill to get to the truth. The greater your resistance, the likelier it is, my dear ones, that you can find the grain of truth in what you have been reproached with, -- and until now, have not acknowledged. *Mediumship -- How to Contact God's Spirit World* PL 8

Even distinct errors contain, somewhere, a **grain of truth**, when you search for the core of deduction. *Happiness as a Link in the Chain of Life* PL 5

Exercise 1a: Consider the state of today's global politics. Meditate on the divine origins of nations / cultures who seem to be hostile to one another. Verbalize a '*grain of truth*' that may have been the original inspiration, the initial life force that inevitably becomes distorted, to some extent or other, in all human beings (inner) and manifestations (outer).

Take a Moment to Focus on YOUR Divine Origins

Greetings, my beloved friends here. May the blessings given touch the deepest part of your being, so that you will know forever the glory of your innermost truth; so that you will lose the fear of your innermost truth; so that your commitment to all of your being will be ever more anchored in your total devotion to your path.

Increasingly you find that the pain you wanted to avoid makes room for joy -- a joy that could have never come if the pain had not been met. Increasingly you find, my dearest ones, that when you do not fear (and do not avoid) the negativity, the distortion, and the destructiveness that are a part -- be it only a small part -- of your being, a divine alchemy takes place, and produces the true integration and transformation of your total being in an ever-deepening process.

Individually, more and more of you have found this to be so even though the hurdles seemed great at times. They always seem much greater than they actually are. As more of you individually overcome the inner obstructions, futile fears, and unnecessary resistance, so does your community grow in strength, in realistic groundedness, and in joyousness and abundance.

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Exercise 1b: Divine origins and truths can be found in all outer manifestations of human activity, because these reflect individual / inner paths of self-development and self-leadership. Re-read the above passages in terms of your journey, vs. as a description of group progress.

Notice how you perceive (or receive) the words. Do the endearments feel overly familiar or sentimental? Does this description of the work we do feel challenging or comforting?

Summarize your experience / process 'making room for joy', using your own words.

Daily Review 2.0 PL 28

<http://www.janrigsby.org/files/PDF/028-DailyReview-Suggestions.pdf>

Track your daily experiences of disharmonies. After keeping logs for several weeks, see if you can find a common denominator.

Daily Review				
DATE	SITUATION	REACTION	BEHAVIOR/ RESPONSE	JUDGMENT
	Facts/Circumstances of Disturbance	Feelings, thoughts, emotions	How You Acted (Exaggerated/Minimized)	Affirmed/Negated My Belief That...
10/01/20	Late for work	Fear/anxiety about job	Yelled at kids	I'm a bad mom
10/01/20	Fight re dinner cleanup	Felt let down by family	Didn't speak for hours	People are inconsiderate

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Daily Review 5.0 from PL 211

Go through the days in terms of the various moods that "overtook" you during this specific day.

[Outer Events Reflect Self-Creation](#) PL 211

Exercise 1c: Daily Review asks us to note down disharmonies and conflicts, so that we can begin to notice any 'common denominators'. For each of these incidents, practice finding the **Grain of Truth** in the other person's point of view, regardless of how tiny it is. If you notice any resistance to this process, and ask 'what is there to lose by seeing the divine in the other?'

Also practice finding the **Grain of Truth** in a point of view you disagree with when reading news of national or global events (regardless of how tiny it may be!).

Week 2: Government Reflects Human Development

The divine meaning and origin, the inner truth of these systems is in certain highly developed human beings who are fully aware of their responsibility. Development always carries responsibility. And those who are willing to shoulder these responsibilities can, according to divine eternal law and commensurate with their commitment to their task, feel it their right to enjoy the accompanying privileges.

A person who is unwilling to assume such responsibilities has not rightfully earned these privileges. He either feels too guilty to even really want them, or is so rebellious that he wants to steal them -- and justifies this by claiming that those who have earned them are unfair and abusive.

Now, even if authority is being abused, those who are unwilling to assume the demanding task of leadership are not right to rebel. For they will not need to rebel if they fulfill the conditions that entitle them to the envied and coveted privileges. These are envied only when the price is not being paid. PL 242

Exercise 2a: Notice in what areas of your life you are content to tell yourself (and others) that there is nothing you can do to improve a situation, yet criticize those in charge / who do attempt change.

Those who fully give to their tasks, as leaders of nations and of governments, discharge themselves of their responsibility according to divine law. They lead and guide those who do not wish to take on the chores of such a task, which consists of many hardships as well as of the privileges.

Leadership requires a lot of self-discipline that the self-indulgent do not desire to exert. The often necessary and voluntary giving up of an immediate gratification is totally rejected by those who follow -- but who often simultaneously resent those who lead. Nor do they wish to assume the risks of exposure, of criticism, of slander, and hostility that those in the limelight must be strong enough to endure.

It is certainly easier to follow than to lead, to be an ordinary citizen than the leader of a nation. The follower can afford to be lazy, even if this laziness is not necessarily physical. It can be laziness of mind, laziness of spirit, laziness of courage, laziness of heart.

So leaders create a following and, in total devotion to their task, give of their best. They use their power for the good of all. They do not shun personal inconveniences in connection with their task. This is, broadly speaking, the divine reality contained in the regimes of monarchy or feudalism. PL 242.

Exercise 2b: Can you relate to the tension described above, between leaders and followers? Notice any resentments you have held, either as a leader or a follower, against the 'other'.

It is easy to see how this can be distorted by ruthless, selfish, or irresponsible human beings who use the power and abuse it; who use it for their own material or power gain and obstruct the unfoldment of justice, of law, of beauty, of fairness, and of divine intercession. The true leader, the monarch if you will, who is at the helm of the ship, is always a channel of divine inspiration. If that inspiration is not sought and put above all else, then abuse is the result. When these systems

appeared in your earth world, this was their innate message. They appeared when general humanity was not able or willing or developed enough for assuming the responsibility of true self-rulership. Therefore men needed guidance. Sooner or later the temptations proved too much. Others followed who took the rulership by power or manipulation. and who then abused their position and took advantage of their power. PL 242.

The Grain of Truth

Objectivity is another essential requisite for the free and harmonious human being. The more unpurified and disharmonious you are, the more you will lack objectivity. Objectivity means truth; subjectivity means colored truth or half-truth at best, complete untruth in many cases. Subjectivity means unconscious or nondeliberate untruth, contrary to a conscious lie. All this is forthcoming from the emotional level of one's being.

By purifying the depths of your soul, you will first find where untruth exists within yourself; then you will be able to plant truth within yourself after the untruth is ousted. Needless to say, only this path of stringent self-search will make this discovery and ensuing change possible. Try to find the little **grain of truth** in yourself, instead of concentrating on the mountain of the other. For your own unhealthy seed robs your peace, and never the mountain of wrong of the other person!
Objectivity and Subjectivity – The Christmas Lecture PL 42

Exercise 2c: Where have you abused authority? Or, where have the personal privileges, status, and/or perquisites of a leadership role appealed to you more than the opportunity to enact change / unify a group?

Internal Systems of Monarchy and Feudalism

There is, in every human being -- in some more strongly expressed, in some less manifest -- a talent to be a leader in one way or another, a talent to assume responsibilities and to serve a cause -- no matter how buried these talents may at first be. They can be awakened from their dormant state and eventually always bring the individual to such a path. If this talent is not being cultivated, then you will be a follower, who has much less rights and privileges. It is as you wish.

If you do not wish the higher task of assuming such responsibilities to lead, to stand in an exposed place (as it were), to risk everything that goes with it for the purpose of truly serving a higher cause, then you have no right to complain when others do this job. And I emphasize once more that this might apply to very subtle expressions. and not necessarily manifest in overt outer leadership, statesmanship, or such.

You can be a teacher in school, you can supervise others in an office, you can do any task on earth and be, within its own framework, a leader, a "monarch," or simply a follower. Both roles have their value and carry their distinct differences. But when the follower resists his talent to become a leader in his own right, wherever his place may be, and then rebels against the leadership he refuses to assume because he is too lazy, too fearful, too selfish, too self-indulgent, he commits as grave an injustice and dishonesty as the ruler who abuses his power.

First of all, this expression of governing, of leadership, of rulership must be assumed if it is truly an expression of an integrated process toward yourself. It means the ability to exert a certain amount of discipline, of firmness, of strength, of not succumbing to the temptation to indulge.

Wherever your talents lie, you contain the possibility of higher rulership in the best sense of the word. Rulership is not just a political expression. It can be expressed in every area of life.

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Exercise 2d: Consider where your personal leadership may already be manifesting, even if it has only begun to develop. Write down real-life possibilities that could result, once these qualities are more highly developed. As the 'monarch' of your own life, how could you support your own growth?

Leaders must develop (and use) Self-Discipline

The weak ruler who does not wish to be "bothered" and dispenses with this necessary, healthy discipline, is as much at fault and does as much damage as he who is overly severe, hard, and closed to the feelings of the heart, to compassion, and who never relaxes his domination. Neither of the two can find the balance between discipline and relaxation; the intuitive knowing of when one and when the other is appropriate.

Discipline cannot be used toward others in a fair and balanced way if it is not first and primarily used toward the self. If it only exists toward others while the self indulges (as many rulers have done and are still doing), then a hurtful imbalance comes about. Therefore you learn on your path an apparent overemphasis about self-discipline.

True self-purification and transformation on this path is impossible unless this self-discipline is acquired and used constantly against the ever lurking resistance to moving and to overcoming. Only when this resistance has been mastered to a considerable degree does leadership of others organically evolve (for instance helpship, teaching, responsible roles in the community).

Within your own soul system both aspects -- the monarch and the follower or citizen without responsibility -- exist. The one is rich, the other poor. The one has rights, the other does not.

Exercise 2e: How do you apportion your energies and direction in choosing what to cultivate on your road to unfoldment? Do you abuse this double principle in you? If one is abused, then the other must be too, for they are two parts of one whole. How do you react toward those attitudes in you that wish to cheat?

These want to get the results without earning them; wish to have it as easy as possible; and get free, gratuitous gratifications that are not being earned by honesty and by everything a human being is capable of giving to the thing he wants to earn.

Start with Yourself

If that discipline is being followed through within, then you earn authority in the best sense of the word in your immediate environment. Then the "monarch principle" within your soul is acting harmoniously, meaningfully, and appropriately toward the "responsible citizen principle" within you. This is how monarchy and feudalism are in the divine sense, not in the abused sense, which must extend, as all cellular growth proceeds, from inside to the outside.

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Exercise 2f: What is your attitude towards self-discipline? Explore what external discipline means to you, such as using someone else's abuse of authority as an excuse to avoid self-discipline. Could such conclusions be past their 'use-by' date, and need updating?

Week 3: Evolving from External to Internal Leadership

Now then, this has to start and has of course already started in your own community where you combine monarchy and feudalism, communism and socialism, and capitalistic democracy. You combine them all. When you rebel against the one and are in favor of the other, you are already in distortion. And let that be a reminder to you -- just so that you know that you are in distortion, and so that you look within yourself for what part in you wants to make this distortion.

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Exercise 3a: Is it the lazy part that resents the authority without wanting to be one and pay the price for it? Is it the envious part that refuses to earn what it envies? Or is it the powerful part in you that secretly wishes to abuse power? Look at that part in you that may want to use one format against the other when this is inappropriate, because something self-serving and negative is hidden?

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When the format is appropriate, there will never be a contradiction. Whatever problems arise will not be ascribed to the outer format or expression of eternal inner divine principles, but you will look at other levels of reality to seek the solution -- levels that contain very personal violations of truth, no matter how "public" the issue may be. Then one format will always have room for the other.

The only way to attain this harmony and unity of spirit in the government of your community as well as in your self- government -- the government of the intricate and manifold personality that you are -- is to totally surrender to the will of the highest.

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Exercise 3b: Look at that aspect in you that holds back from this surrender, that blinds -- so as not to see that such a surrender would be in place in this or that specific issue, -- and refuses to make this surrender to the divine will. You will then understand your obstructions.

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Socialism and Communism

The idea here is equality, justice, and fairness for all. Yet it is simultaneously true that men are created equal, and also that they are not equal in their expression, in their development, in their will direction, in the choices they make every day and every hour of their lives. Men are unequal in their feelings, in their thoughts, in their decisions, and in their actions. You would say that an adult and a child are equal as far as their innate values are concerned. But they are certainly not equal in their life expressions. So we can say that there is no contradiction in saying that they are both equal and unequal.

This form of government in which all are equalized was clearly a reaction to the abuse of monarchy and feudalism. But with the second system, too, abuse set in, as it is bound to when one truth seems to be a contradiction to another truth. With such exclusiveness, the dualistic mind destroys the inner unity that exists in all your contradictions.

Now, the equality becomes abused, and a uniformity sets in that is no longer in keeping with the vitality of the human unfoldment and the divergence and varieties of human expressions and human development. Fairness, uniformity, conformism supersede free unfoldment and expression of choice, of talent, of development.

Exercise 3a: Reflect upon how this appears in the inner soul of man. What is the inner reality of this form of government? PL 242. How do you manage the day-to-day paradoxes that arise from every person you encounter being both equal and not equal? Consider the difficulties in creating a system that had to balance such apparent contradictions.

In its divine expression the human soul deeply knows that no matter how distorted and negative another human being may be, he is nevertheless a divine manifestation and, as such, truly equal to him -- on that deepest level. Then, as this is being perceived, an underlying sanity and love make it possible to also perceive and determine the differences of expressions.

On that outer level of expression, there is obviously no equality. For he who responsibly fulfills his task in the universe and lives according to these laws is not equal in his expressions to him who abuses the laws selfishly, distorts them according to his own self-serving purposes -- individually or in political life -- and who does not care if his actions and attitudes affect others adversely.

This abuse of the laws may be on a more obvious level, or it may be a subtle but nonetheless insidious attitude with possibly worse effects than the obvious manifestation. When an individual denies divine reality, within or without, it would be absurd to claim that he is equal to those who nurture and protect divine truth and love.

This inequality can be known truthfully and creatively only when one also knows the underlying equality of all divine life. And that is the inner expression, in its purity, of the outer political expression of socialism or communism. PL 242

Exercise 3d: How do you manage the day-to-day paradoxes that arise from every person you encounter being both equal and not equal? Consider the difficulties of creating a system that had to balance such apparent contradictions.

Capitalistic Democracy

Now let us look at a third, by now popular form of government, which is capitalistic democracy, as you know it in this land [*the PLs were originally delivered in the USA*]. Its divine manifestation and meaning are total freedom of expression and the use of divine abundance according to personal investment.

Yet, at the same time, in the divine manifestation, it makes room for caring for those who are not able or, on a deeper level, not willing to undertake responsibility for themselves. This system does not sentimentally proclaim that such people should reap the same benefits as those who invest their whole being into life. Nor does it exploit those people in order to justify the ruler's own power drive. In that sense, this form of government is the nearest expression of new age fusion of duality. You can sense here the fusion of the two other systems I was talking about, at least to some degree. It is a much more mature form of government than in the other two categories. (Of course you know these categories have sub-categories.)

The distortion of this form of government again is very obvious in that the abuse of power by the few stronger, more willful individuals may then impose disadvantages on those who are not willing to stand on their own two feet. These disadvantages would go above and beyond the natural, lawful result of their refusal to fend for themselves in order to take on a parasitic role at

the expense of others. But in this distortion of the third system, the exploiters become parasites in another sense: using those who want to use. Rather than helping them to awaken through really fair and commensurate dispositions, they play right into the rationalizations of those who are lazy and cheat, making their excuses valid by giving seeming justification to their argument that it is an unfair world they live in and that they who are less greedy are victimized by the greedy.

Both extremes can abuse this system. The socialistically minded can become more parasitic and use the power structure as an excuse. The strong and diligent ones, who risk and invest, can abuse the system by justifying their greed and power drive with the actual parasitic nature of the lazy ones. In other words, in this system, since it is a fusion of the former two categories, you also find a "negative fusion" of both distortions.

You can observe this in various ways in your political life if you look at the public expression. Both expressions of both categories contain more possibility for abuse in this system - - just *because* this system also offers more possibility for a healthy fusion of two apparent opposites. The other two categories offer less freedom and, to a degree, it can be said, less possibility for abuse. On one level this may seem untrue -- and it is untrue. Yet on another level it is also true. The more development and freedom, the greater are the dangers of abuse and distortion. PL 242

Exercise 3e: Own where you have lived on the planet! Consider how the different forms of government you have experienced reflected your inner state of self-discipline and self-authority from decade to decade. Then consider the spiritual value of having these different forms of government, so that everyone's unique path of self-development can be met and also challenged.

Freedom always contains more possibility of abuse

This is a universal reality within the soul, as well as outside -- in man's expressions. When the abuse comes, the painful confusion of dualism arises, and the pendulum must swing in the opposite direction.

So, within your soul, you may swing from being submissive to being a rebel. In man's political expression, systems swing from authoritarianism of one form or another to an over-permissive system that allows the parasite to sentimentalize his "cause." And so it goes back and forth, throughout the centuries, until the margin of the swing of the pendulum becomes narrower and the point of the fusion is approached.

Democratic capitalism or capitalistic democracy, is such an expression; but if dispositions are being made from theory, from the mind only rather than establishing a channel to perceive divine will and divine law, the possibility for error, distortion, and abuse will always be present.

It is easy for you to see how this principle applies to man's inner world. When you are given the freedom to responsibly run your life, how easy it is to abuse this freedom -- unless you confront your real, hidden motives constantly and conscientiously. How much maturity is needed to abstain from the temptations to abuse freedom! How much self-discipline is needed that you will not do so, and how much fairness is needed that you will not do so. And at the same time, you also need the maturity, the strength, the fairness, to not become a burden to your fellow men by responsibly standing on your own two feet, which, again, in this form or system can be easily abused. PL 242

Week 4: Politics for a New Age

In your personal life, as in public or political life, this temptation [*to abuse and distort*] always exists. When you consistently yield to this temptation, you draw tighter fences around your emotional freedom and set up an inner system of tyranny in which you no longer feel yourself free. You do not understand the inner tyranny you have set up as a result of your constant abuse of freedom to create, to choose, to direct your life, your thoughts, your feelings, your will.

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Exercise 4a: What is your idea / vision / dream for politics – and governments - in the new age?

Let us observe how these laws apply in the smallest immediate surroundings as well as on the largest scale of world government.

In the first place, new age politics must, above all, always be carried by those who cultivate a channel to divine inspiration. Those who do not possess such a channel themselves cannot always judge whether or not this is so. This lack of perception may either be due to having a stake in not knowing because of selfish reasons, or it may really be "*innocent ignorance*," if there is such a thing. But the more individuals are seriously motivated to choose their leaders according to this consideration, the more such leaders will actually be chosen.

How you can be sure with any specific leader is of course the question, especially without personal contact. Yet inner inspiration is also at work in guiding your intuitive faculties and your choices! This choice is easier today than it was in former times. For one, the communication system enables you to gain more contact with and knowledge about such potential leading figures. You do not deal with public figures as was the case in the past when no personal view existed. (The technical advancements that made this possible are yet another facet of the maturing, the development of the entity mankind.) It is also easier today to choose inspired leaders than in former times because the energy and the power of the spreading Christ consciousness creates these channels all over.

What it requires is the courage to own up to them, and to own also the difficulty in putting self-interest out of the way. For if self-interest stands first, the channel is naturally blocked. When this is the primary concern, the primary undertaking and focus, world politics in the new age will contain every one of these systems -- not in contradiction but as an integrating whole.

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Intuition vs Instinct: Tools for Awareness

If you distinguish intuition from instinct, we might say that intuition is the highest form. Intuition is never wrong. Intuition comes from the superconscious, if you want to be technical about it. Intuition has the further distinction of being conscious. The moment it is intuition, it must be conscious. Intuition must be conscious, otherwise it would not be an intuition. It is a message from the superconscious into consciousness. Subconscious forces help to bring it about. The subconscious direction you are taking (as a whole) influences you to be able to have certain intuitions.

An instinct can be wrong. It can be harmful, it can come from the lower nature of the personality. An instinct may remain unconscious; it may be an urge, an impulse that is not formulated, and of which one is unaware.

Three Cosmic Principles: Expanding, Restricting, Static PL 55

Exercise 4b: Recall past experiences to gauge how well you are able to connect with your intuition, which would be guided by what is in the highest good for everyone. Instinct (the drive for survival) is activated by the forces of pride (being right, going with the majority), self-will (self-interest, a forcing current, or an emotional reaction that seeks a solution to discomfort), or fear (lack of trust in the overall plan of salvation, as well as lack of trust in ourselves).

New Age Politics Incorporates the best of all 3 systems

It may sound perhaps impossible to you to say that a form of government can combine monarchy and feudalism, socialism and communism, and democratic capitalism. Yet it is so. For as I outlined here, they all contain truth, and they are not contradictory to one another. As you increasingly find out on your own paths, all these systems and apparent contradictions must harmoniously blend in the human personality for fullest expression of creativity, joy, and fulfillment.

In fact I will go on to say that if a world government, or the inner government of an individual, does not wisely contain every one of these systems in positive manifestation, in complementation with one another, it cannot maintain the balance required for harmonious and full living. This government must be destroyed sooner or later. PL 242

Exercise 4c: Now is this not the case, ever again, within the individual? Is not the struggling consciousness always straining to maintain, for example, an over-exaggerated independence and individualism at the expense of others out of fear to be conforming, to lose individuality? And is it not just as true on the other side of the scale that the lazy, demanding personality wants to be taken care of, wants to be given to in the easiest possible way? PL 242

Such a personality wants to discharge only the minimal amount of rebelliously executed duty. It is full of resentments that anything is demanded in life, and by resenting the demands, does them against the will. This is truly the act of an unruly child who needs a parent to discipline him or her.

All these expressions exist in the soul of every human being -- in one form or another. They may not come to the surface, but if they do not, they lie hidden and therefore have more power to indirectly affect the person's life and environment. If nothing else, they create a separating wall of loneliness that the person fears to break through. For, in order to break through it, one truly needs to face it, to deal with it, to eliminate it, so that the divine channel can unclog itself.

It is thus with world politics in the new age. Mankind has gone, and is going, through all these various phases and stages of development. Just like you, as individuals in purification, find these aspects in you, so does mankind fluctuate from one form of expression of political life to another and works its way through until it is clear that one is not good and the other bad, or vice versa.

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Exercise 4d: Find an area in your soul that proudly wants to use power and abundance and does not care about others. When this is activated, how do you deal with it? Become aware of the resources you already have and are able to use. 'Mistakes' are invaluable – these teach us where we are prone to miscalculate or underestimate our lower nature, self-interest, and lower self.

Message to the Pathwork community in 1976

Your community is growing very fast. It needs more and more responsible pillars who know of this principle and who devote their total life to being a divine channel. So those of you who wish to do this in every issue that comes up, that presents a problem inwardly or outwardly, in your feeling reactions or in the outer manifestations, or in both -- go into yourselves and ask: "*Is there God in this or that specific issue?*"

If you honestly question yourself, you will get the answer from the way you feel. And those of you who are more responsible for the government of your community will then also become, directly or indirectly, influential in creating new age politics, and perhaps disseminate the truths I speak about here, and eliminate the unnecessary division of one party or government or format going against the other and thereby overlooking what the real issues are that create the problem. Only then will the divine reality be experienced in all those formats. You will also understand how every single divine reality can be distorted and abused.

Exercise 4e: Use this advice in your daily life: asking, "*Is there God in this or that specific issue?*" Another version of this is '*What would love do here?*' or '*Is this an expression of love?*' Your intuition for truth (and for wisdom, courage, love) may work better than you thought it would!

When mankind reaches this approach to human problems, a giant step in maturing will have been made. At this present time, the number who see life in these terms is comparatively few. Still, the majority of human beings tend to say, "*This attitude or principle is right, the other is wrong. The one format is good, the other bad.*" The general majority of human beings, especially in political life, still operates on the mask self level. In one sense this is progress -- in that, in former times the general level was the lower self that was crassly acted out -- by leaders as well as by followers. Nobody bothered to even conceal it. The individual, as well as the entity mankind, has to go through the curve of evolution. The mask becomes the first facet of realization that the lower self is unacceptable and does not "*pay.*" Even if this happens in a self-serving and hypocritical way, it is a temporary, necessary phase until more maturity is being reached when the lower self can be identified and evaluated, which makes the mask self superfluous. This is the only road to the higher self.

You, as individuals, are already beyond that and are constantly struggling to eliminate the mask self that is now the generally accepted rule and pretended "necessity" for political life and politicians. You do not need to be in this frame of reference (the mask self and the dualistic good vs. bad) any longer. And what a relief and liberation it is to find and to discern -- not only in your world view but in your whole approach to life, to yourself, and to your relationships -- the beauty, the truth, the reality, the love, the rightness in each system, and to see where and how much each is distorted. That is the revolutionary way into the new age, which will reveal much greater truths than you can yet dream of. But as long as this vision is not cultivated, these truths cannot reveal themselves to you.

Perhaps you feel, my dearest ones, the immense currents of powerful energy that you have created and with which you build a beautiful new world. Every one of you is contained in the deepest of security, in the guidance of the world of God. You are blessed. PL 242