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A N I N V I T A T I O N

It is important to remember that the transformative learning process is not an accumulation and exchange of information between teacher and student.

At the Academy, apparent situations of learning between particular teachers and students, and indeed, with the whole world and universe, will undergo radical and dramatic shifts of self-realization as their individual creative expressions mature.

All true learning is a form of conversion or revelation.

The Mathematician in the middle of a pirouette...

The Historian in a simple parable...

The Accountant in the stroke of his brush on canvas...

The Housewife in an explanation of holograms...

The Judge or Lawyer in a compassionate moment of forgiveness...

And many more in the sudden realization of the Grace of God's love brought about by their uncompromising determination and commitment.

All to the final understanding that they are, and always have been, the perfect joy and happiness of eternal Universal Mind.

Books, texts, manuals and materials in a broad variety and diversity of philosophy, psychology, science and art are employed and are available in our library.

Our major vehicle of enlightenment is the unearthly Text, Workbook and Teacher's Manual of A Course in Miracles. This obviously, because there is nothing even remotely comparable to it in the "History of any Mankind."

We think you will find some very material evidence in this Journal concerning what Endeavor Academy is "all about."

If you are interested in joining us, information about a variety of long or short term enrollment is presented on the back cover.

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T H E A C A D E M Y

The basic requirement of entrance to Endeavor Academy is an initial application of the ultimate discipline of immeasurable unqualified determination for the relinquishment of temporal perceptual self-identity.

This academy is dedicated to the certain truth that the mind of man and the destiny of Mankind, by its very nature, transcends the temporal observational situation of objectively self-constructed reality in and by which it delineates and defines itself and the world about it.

That the conceptual mind of a human being is a transitional point in space/time in an inevitable evolutionary conversion of noncreative thought that brings about a total reassociation and recognition of Identity that is the joy, peace, love and happiness of singular Universal Mind.

This Academy will foster, enhance, and verify in an open forum of continuing unlimited revisional transformative possibilities this inevitable evolutionary destiny.

You must have seen in a moment of sudden realization that there really is an alternative to this insane place of loss, loneliness and death entirely outside and beyond your own capabilities to reach.

This single event has remained unrecognizable in the conceptual continuity of preexistent thought form that constitutes your human condition and has persisted as an illusionary appearance of lengthy time.

Yet this instant of reconciliation was, and always has been, prescribed and predetermined in the totality of instantaneous recover that occurs at the moment of your apparent separation from eternal reality.

You are finding yourself in this moment of entirety exactly where you are, should be and have always been.

Welcome

The Perennial Philosophy

Describing the Universality and consistency of the process of direct knowledge gained through the illuminating experience of a momentary union with the Mind of God. All human beings are fundamentally aware of the necessity of their own evolutionary return to the singular eternal reality of Universal Mind. The Perennial Philosophy attests to the dramatic experience of this compelling necessity.

The constancy of a philosophy which is reappearing, resurfacing and renewing itself throughout all time, traversing a broad spectrum of cross-cultural recipients, must surely be of consequence for us today, being beset as we are by conflicting theories, beliefs and constantly changing opinions about almost everything. Heeding the bewildering advice of experts in the field of health alone would keep one in a constant state of life style changes and choices.

Seeking stability in our current society, we surely may consider a philosophy which has earned the name "Perennial," described as

"...the *metaphysic* that recognizes a divine Reality behind the world of things and lives and minds; the *psychology* that finds in man something identical with divine Reality and the *ethic* that places man's final end in the knowledge of the Immanent and Transcendent Ground of all things."

The phrase *Philosophia Perennis* is used to describe a philosophy formulated by those who have experienced direct communion with God. This contact, however brief, transformed the thinking mind of the experiencer during the moment of contact, so that he was never the same again.

These revelatory experiences, captured in the lispingsymbols of human language and repeated throughout the ages by persons of all races, genders, cultures and religious beliefs, comprise the Perennial Philosophy, becoming the title of a book by Aldous Huxley written almost half a century ago. Better yet, Mr. Huxley might have called his anthology of supreme mystics' literature *The Perennial EXPERIENCE*.

The universality of mystical experience comprises a fabric of eternity within the framework of time.

Again and again the veil of materiality was rent for a moment and the light of direct experience forever dispelled the mistaken certainties of these mystics whose words we shall borrow.

As we browse through the bookstore of today, with shelves

bulging with self-help advice from metaphysicians, M.D.s, psychologists, psychiatrists and experts of every description, do we not long for something that has stood the test of time, that for a moment came from "out of time," so to speak, something not couched in the current popular jargon of the day – "wounded inner child; codependent; dysfunctional family," etc. Is there not something eternal on which we can depend? Don't we sense that identifying ourselves in such a limited way holds no permanent answer?

Huxley's anthology of mystical utterances validates and verifies in the mind of the reader that moment in which he knew himself to be more than just a constructed perception of himself in time; that moment when his knowing and feeling were no longer "occupied and filled with a foul stinking lump of himself," as the author of *The Cloud of Unknowing* so vividly described it. The alert reader will recognize in the words of the Sufi saint, the Zen or Mahayana Buddhist, the Indian guru, the Taoist, the Moslem, the Hindu, or the Christian mystic a description of that transcendental moment of his own brief realization of the vastness of his being.

Are the timeless words of the mystics of value today? We answer with an emphatic *Yes!* There are many who, caught up in the web of complexity surrounding any discipline today, deem extrication too remote, or, even if possible, doled out to a select and special few. Like squirrels in cages, we are caught up in the ever-expanding division, specialization, addiction to knowledge, and never-ending analysis of any subject; sick of having our carefully learned or constructed theories blown apart by a new "authority" who is, next day, contradicted by yet another equally authoritative voice. Darwin expressed this frustration when he said, "It is a cursed evil to any man to become so absorbed in any subject as I am in mine." Professionally, in relation to his chosen specialty, a man may be completely mature. Spiritually, he may be hardly more than a fetus!

Whether we yearn for a new birth or for a brief respite from our workaday world, let us follow for a moment the path

laid out by these Perennial Philosophers, these vessels of receptivity who no longer saw “through a glass darkly,” but through panes made clear by innocence, and became filled with powers, knowing and joys from something beyond ordinary consciousness and their previous conditioning; for here is direct evidence that all humanity has unrealized capacities for self-transcendence and that the limits of consciousness are not fixed.

The Perennial Philosophy-Experience is best expressed by the Sanskrit phrase *That Thou Art*, meaning the immanent eternal self is realized as one with the absolute principle of all existence and that the ultimate destiny of every human being is to discover this fact for himself, to find out who he really is.

Here are the words of some who saw that they were “That”:

ST. CATHERINE OF GENOA: “My Me is God, nor do I recognize any other except my God Himself.”

BYAZID OF BISTUM: “I went from God to God, until they cried from me in me, “O Thou I!”

YUNG-CHIA-TA-SHIH: “The inner Light is beyond praise and blame; like space, it knows no boundaries, yet it is even here, within us, ever retaining its serenity and fullness. It is only when you hunt for it that you lose it. You cannot take hold of it, but equally, you cannot get rid of it.”

MEISTER ECKHART: “The more God is in all things, the more He is outside them; the more He is within, the more without. Only the transcendent, the complete other, can be immanent without being changed by the becoming of that in which it dwells.”

The question comes: What is the “That” to which the “Thou” (I) can discover myself to be? “It is a Spiritual Absolute, susceptible of being directly experienced and realized by the human being in whom God is incarnate but who believes himself only able to exhibit God within the limitations necessarily imposed by confinement within a material body born into the world at a given moment in time.”

ST. BERNARD: “Who is God? I can think of no better answer than He who is. Nothing is more appropriate to the eternity which God is. If you call God good, or great, or blessed or wise, or anything else of this sort, it is included in these words, namely, He is.”

RUYSBROECK: “In the Reality unitively known by the mystic ...we can speak no more of any creature but only of one Being... There were we all one before our creation, for this is our super-essence.”

As these words recall a forgotten familiarity within us, the question naturally arises, “How do I achieve that inner cer-

tainty that I am “That?”

With unwavering unanimity of knowing, the answer echoes down since beginningless time, ever repeated, not only by these mystics, but by every saint, seer, and religion, “Surrender the Sense of a Separate Self!”

The absolute obstacle to unitive knowledge of God is man’s obsessive consciousness of and insistence on being a separate self. To the extent that there is attachment to “I,” “me,” “mine,” there is no attachment to, and therefore, no unitive knowledge of God, no escape from the stifling prison of selfness and separateness.

Hold on to nothing, says ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS in these words:

“The soul that is attached to anything, however much good there may be in it, will not arrive at the liberty of divine union...held by the bonds of human affections, however slight they may be, we cannot, while they last, make our way to God.”

WILLIAM LAW: “Men are not in hell because God is angry with them...they stand in the state of division and separation which by their own motion, they have made for themselves...”

“Your own self is your own Cain that murders your own Abel. For every action and motion of self has the spirit of Anti-Christ and murders the divine life within you.”

We must live so that every moment is deemed a crisis, leading either to self’s way of death and darkness or towards light and life; between interests temporal and the eternal order; between our personal will or the Will of God. At one moment I am eternal, at another time I am in time.

AS HUXLEY says: “We pass from time to eternity when identified with the spirit and pass again from eternity to time when we choose to identify with the body.”

AS PHILO puts it: “They are on the way to truth who apprehend God by means of the divine, Light by the Light.”

From the BUDDHISTS: “The Bodhisattva perceives that his existence in time is due to memory that has been accumulated since the beginningless past.”

The Chinese interpret the Sanskrit word “Memory” as Habit Energy; explained as those remembered habits formed either in our present life or in previous existences which cause us to believe that multiplicity (separateness) is the sole

reality and “I,” “me,” “mine” represent the ultimate truth.

The MAHAYANA BUDDHISTS admonish: “There must be a conversion of the Mind – a revulsion in the very depths of consciousness by which the habit energies of accumulated memories are destroyed and along with them the sense of being a separate ego.”

So with these few quotations we see that, as ALBERTUS MAGNUS cogently puts it: “If thou desirest a safe stair and sbort path to arrive at the end of true bliss,” there must be a dying to self – a mortification not only of the appetites, the feelings and the will but also of the reasoning powers, of consciousness itself and of that which makes our consciousness what it is – our personal memory and our inherited habit energies.

In summary, the words of HUXLEY seem apt:

“We are on a return sweep towards a point corresponding to our starting place in animality, but incommensurably above it. Once more life is lived in the moment. The life now of a being in whom love has cast out fear, vision has taken the place of earthly hope, selflessness has put a stop to the positive egotism of complacent reminiscence and the negative egotism of remorse.

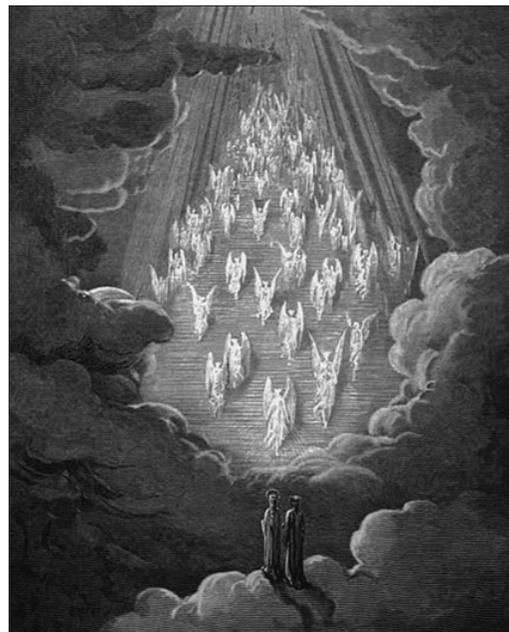
“The present moment is the only aperture through which the soul can pass out of time into eternity, through which grace can pass out of eternity into the soul, and through which love can pass from one soul in time to another soul in time.”

As we seek to live each moment as crisis, living between two worlds and dying daily to the little separate “I” self made up of our habit energies, we may be assured of our oneness with these mystics of all ages and of our success in this endeavor by the words of the modern mystic, JOEL GOLDSMITH, as he says:

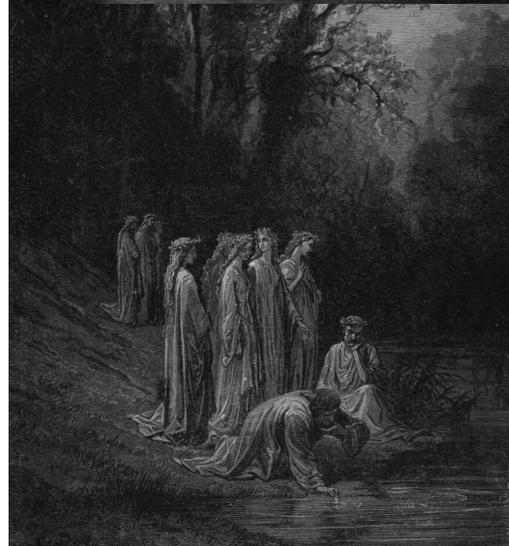
“I am in union with the divine Intelligence of the past, the present and the future. No spiritual secret is hidden from me... There is this transcendental Being within me which I am and to which I have access forever. This means omnipresence now of what we call the past and what we call the future. I am living in the Omnipresence now. I am now in the Consciousness of all who have ever lived, are living now, and ever will live in the divine Consciousness, for we are one. That infinite divine Consciousness of God, the Consciousness of the past, and the present and the future, is my consciousness at this moment.”

Master Monty

The glory of Him who
moveth everything
Penetrates the universe,
and shines
In one part more,
and in another less...
Within that heaven which
most receives His light
I have been, and seen things
past the knowledge
Or power of any who come
back to tell...



From that most holy water,
I returned
Made new – as trees are
brought to life again
With their new foliage –
purified,
And made fit for mounting
to the stars



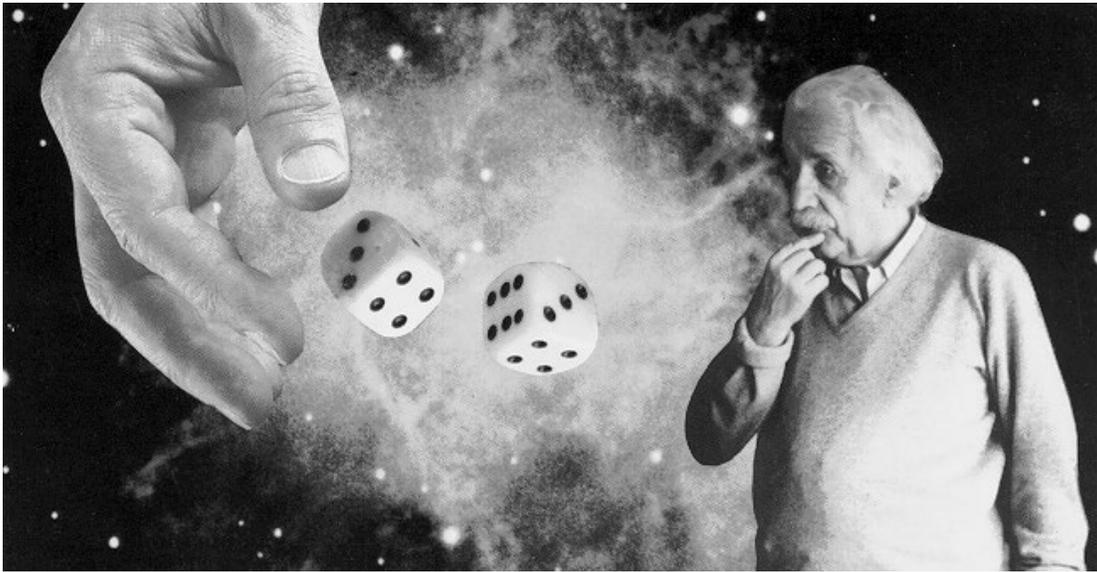
Midway upon the journey
of our life
I found that I was in a
dusky wood;
For the right path, whence
I had strayed, was lost.
Ah me! How hard a thing
it is to tell
The wilderness of that
rough and savage place,
The very thought of which
brings back my fear!
So bitter was it, death is
little more so...



The Divine Comedy of Dante Alighieri, Translated by L G White, Illustrations by G. Dor

The Universe

Singular Reality versus Relative Objectivity



“I shall never believe that God plays dice with the world.”
Sorry Albert!
God as you conceive of him does indeed roll dice!

The idea that God or Truth or unqualified Wholeness would in any way require order or discipline is simply unreasonable and not true.
Nothing could ever be, ultimately, more chaotic to you than God's Will.

God's Will has no intention nor is it in any way structured. Eternal creating mind is not a utilization of alternative potential. “Aah, but Professor Einstein, your mind is.”

It operates entirely on the premise of inherent and inevitable separation of your mind as causation, and the subsequent determinable result or effect.

Your true theory of relativity, that is, apparent reality without constancy of antecedental space/time reference, still remains but a form of coherent objectivity and is not relieved the responsibility of separate determinism.

“So it's still your will Albert, retentive and expectant.” The separation of cause and effect is what “predictability is.”

Statistical possibility has no real chance
against immediate inevitability.

Your eventual loss is guaranteed because
you play the game.

Your death is assured by the possibility of it.

You've only been wagering against yourself.

It's always only the “possibility of alternative event.” Obviously then, the closest your conceptual self-identity mind can get to creative thought must be the notion of statistical possibility or chance.

Eternal creation admits to no antecedental causation. It is, and has always been, only ‘eternally extending’ because eternal extension is ‘what it is.’ So, your human temporal consciousness must finally arrive at the inevitable, though perhaps not acceptable, conclusion that the whole universe is random. And indeed, from any objective referential point of view whatsoever, it is.

You play the game of death
and suffer the loss of your own meager nothingness. But
in truth, loss of any kind is impossible.
There is no such thing as loss.

If you could lose, so would everybody, including God.
When you win, everybody wins
because you are everybody and everybody is you.
Yes, God too!

So there you have it Professor, you can apparently suffer a conceptually separate identity but you cannot make it real because it is not a whole part of the eternally creating Mind of God.