

# More Laughter

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# Einstein's Fundamental Error

March, 2010

I couldn't resist the title – I have recently seen an old Sherlock Holmes movie (*The Creeping Man*) in which some blowhard was just telling his secretary to announce the title of his talk at the next meeting of the Royal Society – “Darwin's Fundamental Error.” I thought it was pretty funny.

Einstein's fundamental error was to assume that the speed of light were constant, among all the other measurements of time and space, motion and gravity.

“If time could change depending on your velocity, Einstein realized, then other quantities, such as length, matter, and energy, should also change. He found that the faster you moved, the more distances contracted (which is sometimes called the Lorentz-FitzGerald contraction). Similarly, the faster you moved, the heavier you became. (In fact, as you approached the speed of light, time would slow down to a stop, distances would contract to nothing, and your mass would become infinite, which are all absurd. This is the reason why you cannot break the light barrier, which is the ultimate speed limit in the universe.) . . . he also showed that matter and energy are unified and hence can change into each other.” (from *Parallel Worlds : a journey*

through creation, higher dimensions, and the future of the cosmos, by Michio Kaku)

“Einstein realized that matter and energy are just names for different descriptions of the same phenomena.” (my edit)

I am thinking that the universe is filled with descriptions of phenomena all of which are relative to everything else. So why should the speed of light arbitrarily be determined to be constant? To be sure, any one concept can be considered to be constant, and everything else described around it, but that is like the Ptolemaic theory that the earth is stationary and the sun and planets revolve around it. I always thought it were arbitrary, and the earth could just as well be considered stationary as anything else – the Sun, for example. But we finally learn that all parts move within relative aspect of everything else, and that the speed of light is no more exempt from this “free float of currency” than anything else. You may peg all other currencies against the dollar, but, ultimately, the dollar, too, will be seen to hold a position towards all the other currencies which is, in fact, relative to them.

And, like Copernicus’s alternative description of the movements of the heavenly bodies, of which the earth is just one more, led to simpler and more obvious descriptions of those movements, so, also, it may be found that there may be more illuminating ways of describing the events of our cosmos without adhering to the concept that the speed of light must always be assumed to be constant.

In fact, it seems to me, on the face of it, that Newton may have been more “correct” after all! I have always thought that “time” were not an observed phenomenon in the way that motion or even gravity

may be – time is an arbitrarily applied yardstick by which other phenomena may be described relatively. It seems like a more intuitive way of looking at the movements of the heavenly bodies. Thus, instead of all the bending of time and space and motion and mass, you might have, in some descriptions of phenomena, situations in which it is the speed of light which goes “faster” or “slower” than other movement. Of course it is all relative, but that is not to say that Ptolemaic cosmology were equally as valid as Copernican cosmology – the use of Occam’s razor to follow the simplest interpretation of events will lead us to the most efficient and beautiful explanations, which are rightly assumed to be the most useful indications (sidestepping altogether, as having essentially no particular meaning, the question of which description is “actually” the correct one).

Thus, reinterpreting all the most recent data from this perspective, allowing the speed of light to fluctuate just as much as any other measurement, depending upon which description appears to be the most useful, or the simplest, may yield a whole new metaphysics, or may simply re-instate Newtonian physics as it used to be before Einstein’s interesting speculations. This is not to suggest discarding all of Einstein’s work – it may be that his mathematical descriptions of the relationship between matter and energy be perfectly correct, but that it is just the assumption that the speed of light must be considered constant that is the applied hand-brake to the wheels when trying to understand the flow of events in the cosmos.

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I may as well tackle gravity, too, while I am about it. I think that “gravity” does not describe some funny force that pulls objects together;

but rather it is the other way around: the “Natural” state of the universe is Zero, pure nothingness. “Time is the measure of error.” (from one of my earliest books, *Jokes*). Some force must be applied in order to create the Mother of all Distinctions which causes the undifferentiated universe to spring into being. This outwardly directed energy is the Yang aspect of God which created the cosmos at the Big Bang. So, when all of that energy which maintains the cosmos in a state of error, or manifestation (“All manifestation is error,” from the same book of *Jokes*) be finally dissipated, then the apparently discreet elements of which our universe be composed will finally come together once again in the “final” (one more of a series, which may not necessarily be infinite in either direction) Singularity (the total Yin point opposed to the initial Yang). The fading of this energy (of maintaining the distinction/separation of parts) is observed as “gravity.”

As described in earlier articles (e.g., *Speculations on Cosmology*, reprinted in *The Laughter of God*), I imagine a series of “universes” blinking on and off as they pass through that Singularity. This sequence makes more sense to me than one enormous Big Bang which brought forth our Universe, fully formed, all at once, like Athena from the head of Zeus.

# One World Government: “The New World Order”

June, 2010

The subject of “One World Government” or “The New World Order” always seems to draw the most intense reaction from many people. “First we have genetically modified food, and then they’re going to shove **One World Government** down our throats!”

I have mentioned this topic before; I freely confess that I repeat myself constantly. (Have I mentioned, lately, the incredible folly of cutting down the arboreal biological layer (trees) from the sphere of the earth? Unimaginable folly, probably dreamed up by the folks who advocate burning up your house to keep warm, or the hungry worm Ouroboros who relieves his hunger by eating its tail, or the government policy of spending their way out of debt.) If only people would pay attention to me the first time when I speak or write, then I wouldn’t have to repeat myself so much.

What surprises me about this one is that my own considered opinion is that the One World Government is the single most important next step in the evolution of life on earth. I share this view with Pierre Teilhard de Chardin, Albert Einstein, Bertrand Russell, and a great many others, many of whom have probably been prominent members of the Illuminati, in one or another of its incarnations, while we’re at it!

I would probably describe my political views to be somewhere to the left of radical, yet virtually the entirety of the Liberal Consensus seems to be agreed that the One World Government is THE most sinister manifestation of the machinations of the Illuminati Conspiracy, who are perceived to be a cabal of wealthy, powerful, or otherwise influential persons who are *attempting to participate in the direction of the evolution of life on earth.*

What?? Do you mean to tell me that there are actually people who are attempting to influence the evolution of life on earth?? What a fearful conspiracy!! And the wealthy and powerful, the ones whose decisions will most radically affect the flow of events, are actually in collusion with others equally or also wealthy and/or powerful, in efforts to distill their combined shared consciousness of what needs to be done? Are they trying to play God? Isn't the *Law of the Jungle* good enough for them?

What is God, anyway? Perhaps every element that contributes to the (higher) evolution of life is part of whatever God is. And, surrounding that, there is a vast field of inertia representing the opposition to the ordering influence of God. This energy which is evolving, which I am calling God, actually appears to be showing positive signs of being Alive!

Is this figure of a Creative and Positive Energy reaching out into new and unknown directions, and being surrounded by an inertia of chaos and randomness, an entirely new idea, or what? Oh, no – it is actually very, very old.

So why is everyone so afraid of this? I think the answer I hear most often is that everyone seems to be afraid that any time anyone or any group succeeds in obtaining power, they will invariably use it to further their own individual wealth and power, to the utter disregard of anyone else. If you look at the record of just about every known government, either in the present day, or in any of the known historical periods for which we have records, this accusation will be borne out with dead-on accuracy almost all of the time! With the possible exception of occasional enlightened emperors or despots, e.g.: Emperor Yao of ancient China, King Arthur of England (a legend will do quite as well as historical record – possibly better), Pericles of Athens, or Frederick the Great of Prussia, just about every king or ruler sets about collecting as much wealth as he possibly can for himself and his family as soon as he comes into power. Most rulers attempt to accomplish this by sleight of hand, but, more recently, rulers such as Ferdinand Marcos of the Philippines simply load up convoys of trucks with bars of gold bullion and trundle them right out of town. (Reported as a Joke.)

However, this universal drive to self-aggrandizement runs into a self-limiting factor: the higher you go in the ranks of wealth and power, the more radically and dramatically your priority shifts from acquiring more wealth to *preserving what you already have*. This is the classic Conservative, who has Made It, and doesn't want anything to change which might alter his status. But when you come to a pivotal position at the top, there is only one way to ensure the continuation of your own personal good fortune, and that is for the entire field of life energy world-wide to be operating with maximum harmony and efficiency.

The second most common response to the concept of a One World Government is, "One World Government! But – but, that's

*elitist*, and *paternalistic!!*” – the Elite, of course, being that famous cabal of wealth and power sometimes assumed to be banded together into a group like the Illuminati.

Let us suppose we have managed to accomplish this fiendish plot, and a One World Government is now in place; but, surprisingly, they have allowed the people of the earth to choose the person at the top, the one who will have the greatest power, and the greatest responsibility, for affecting the evolution of the flow of life on earth.

There are quite a number of candidates, and the rules for working out run-off elections are quite complicated, in order to ensure that voters are able fully to vote their mind, knowing that if their vote is lost in the early stages of voting, they will be able to vote again from the remaining candidates until there is a final winner. Most of these early choices may be made at the time of the original voting. This is called “Instant Run-off Election,” and it will soon be routinely used all the time everywhere. Because of the importance of the question, however, it will probably be necessary to have at least one secondary run-off vote, for which votes will be limited to the winners of the first primary vote.

Here are some of the more interesting Candidates:

First, there is the elitist and paternalistic candidate, a quiet little man of remarkable intelligence and extensive learning, giving him the manners of a university professor. He does not seem to be remarkable in any way, unless you listen to him closely. It is very easy for him to get lost among the great rabble of more noticeable Candidates:

There is, for example, Genghis Khan (we have managed to clone several candidates from surviving genetic material of old stock . . . ), who mentions his considerable experience as qualification for the post.

Another fortunate success from our cloning tanks is Idi Amin, who has graciously accepted the nomination, and has agreed to accept the position, if elected.

Running against these formidable candidates is George W. Bush, who wishes to remind the voters of his membership in the Skull and Bones.

We wanted to offer the candidacy of Adolf Hitler, whom we had no trouble cloning back to full virulence; however, he declined the honor, out of fear for his life, preferring to hide where he is rather than consider any return to public office.

Another force to be reckoned with is the Ayatollah Khomeini, who would like nothing better than an opportunity of extending Sharia Law to the entirety of the human race.

There are plenty of other candidates, but these pretty well represent the field. We will announce the winners, from whom the candidates for the second round of voting will be drawn, as soon as the results are in.

So, what do I think about genetically modified food? In general, I am very much against it. I think that it is absolutely imperative to maintain a viable population of natural, open pollinated fruits, vegetables, grains, and, in fact, everything propagated from seed, not only food, but fiber crops, and crops grown for any other use.

Whenever seed companies try to sell a new seed, whether it has been genetically modified or created from natural hybrids, they are looking for one quality of over-riding importance: the Number One required feature of any new seed is that if anyone try to plant (I am still trying to bring back the use of the subjunctive mood) the secondary seed which will be produced by the primary seed offered for sale, such seed will either fail to germinate entirely, or be of enfeebled and useless quality. This condition is the deal-breaker. No new seed has any chance of survival unless it meets this paradigm requirement.

Everyone should refuse to use seed of this kind; only use heirloom seed or seed which is open pollinated and will reproduce itself with natural seed. It is all of these “terminator genes” which should be outlawed. I hope everyone will refuse to use such seed ever again – by which I mean just about every seed commercially available except for the few sources selling “heirloom seeds” or the equivalent. New seed from natural hybrids can always be welcome, but only when they are stable strains.

But I stop short of asserting that genetic modification should never be considered for any reason. While I am not convinced of the value of any genetic modification program with which I am familiar, I retain an open mind about such a possibility, depending upon circumstances which might not be anticipated.

# Yet Another Letter to Barack Obama

September, 2010

Dear President Obama,

I have published earlier “letters to Barack Obama” on my web site ([www.tree.org/obama.htm](http://www.tree.org/obama.htm)), but not this one. At the present time, you seem to be so unpopular that I would only squander my own credibility were I to publish anything in your defense (oh — no one listens to me anyway, so I may as well publish this along with the others). Surely you understand the problem: all of the seeds of economic despair have been sown by your predecessors, and you have inherited a bankrupt country. Make no mistake: while there remain many wealthy and powerful people and corporations in the United States, the country itself is way beyond bankrupt. The only reason the Chinese bankers do not refuse to renew their loans is because they, along with everyone else in the world, are terrified of the world which would follow after the United States is unable to meet its obligations. The nation has existed on credit for many years, tossing more trillions on top of the camel’s back, because there doesn’t seem to be any other option. The real problem is that the effects of fiscal policies are not really felt until twenty years after they have been implemented, yet a sitting president must defend his record every two years.

So you are reduced to only two options: either stand up sheepishly, like Gorbachev of the Soviet Union, and admit that the American System has fallen victim to its own success: the wealthy and powerful have become so wealthy and so powerful that they have been able to enrich themselves while impoverishing the country as well as the “little people,” their less fortunate brethren. Then the American people can dissolve the Union, put a new government in its place, and repudiate the \$12 trillion debt as the extravagance of the previous corrupt and bankrupt system in its dying days.

Or, you can begin to implement a serious program to pay off that debt. Forget about rampant poverty and unemployment — there is nothing you or anyone can do about that now. Contrary to the popular wisdom, flushing more money down the economic toilet will only make the problem worse, not better. The time when an influx of cash would buy another year or two at the expense of an ever more certain ultimate collapse is long gone. Scattering another trillion dollars into the wind will barely slow down the rapid collapse of the financial system. (“Trillion”? My goodness, how rapidly even the terms inflate: a few years ago, a billion dollars was “real money;” now, when speaking of throwing money into the wind, we would say, “a few trillion.”

There is only one policy that makes any sense: slash government spending and raise taxes, especially on the wealthiest segment of the population. Yes, this will plunge the country into a very deep, dark depression from which it may never recover, but a determination to pay down the debt is the only way to restore faith in the troubled American Dollar. This will mean that the United States will simply have to cancel all of its international adventures (read: “wars”).

I have seen pie charts of the budget: it is basically divided into three large sections: 1. Defense (war); 2. Transfer payments to impoverished (or otherwise) Americans; 3. Service on the Debt. (Oh, yes, there is also one other tiny sliver: all other functions of government, but that doesn't amount to much.) If you elect not to let the Debt continue its spiral out of the world of reality into utter fantasy land, that leaves just the Department of Defense, and the Transfer Payments. The Defense budget must be shrunk to just a tiny shadow of its current budget. The only way to do this is only to fund projects that are genuinely concerned with “defense”, and curtail all activities of war.

As to those pesky transfer payments, I have had an idea many years ago which I still believe makes a lot of sense. The current system pays out checks beyond number so that recipients can rent a cheap hotel room in the city and spend their life drinking coffee (or beer) and smoking cigarettes. None of this makes any sense to me. I would propose that paying out cash money to all of those people is not only bankrupting the country, but it is also counter-productive. As an alternative, the nation should sponsor the establishment of Free Farms where impoverished people can go and live their lives in peace, with a place to sleep and food to eat. It will be incomparably cheaper to provide direct services of food and housing to people than to send out millions of dollars in welfare checks every month.

None of this will be popular, and you will be hounded out of office at the end of your term, but that is going to happen anyway. At least if you launch programs that might save the country, then after another twenty or thirty years the country might conceivably come out of its downward spiral and begin the long road back to prosperity. You may live long enough to be recognized as a Statesman after all.

# Is God Almighty?

December, 2010

Any serious effort to discuss theology must begin with a rigorous analysis of all definitions involved in the discussion. It was the brilliant insight of Wittgenstein that when these definitions are exhaustively analyzed until total clarity has been achieved, the questions and problems will unravel themselves, and vanish. It is the disappearing knot trick.

Every “problem” in philosophy should simply melt away like last year’s snow under the bright light of this process of analysis. Once “clarity” has been achieved, whatever has been under discussion will simply be reduced to “zero” (or “infinity;” the two terms mean the same thing). When the “joke” is explained that caused the divergence of the infinite wisdom into two opposite ideas, then once again “it is all one.”

It is only after this process has really been wrung dry, that it is possible to examine the fragments that might remain and see if they constitute an idea or not. Is there any point at all, for example, of introducing a term such as “God” into the discussions of philosophy? Does the whole thing have any meaning, and if it do, then what be it? (This is the subjunctive mood again, Buster, and if you don’t like it, just put up with it.)

There may be nearly as many ideas of what God is as there are people to wonder about it. There are many traditional definitions, but not really any final consensus; at least, not any consensus to which I am

able to subscribe. One way that I see to express the answer to the question is to say that “God is what is left over when all jokes are explained and vanish.”

Well, I have my idea of what is the most relevant and useful way to understand the ultimate resolution of this oldest of all problems, “*What is the Nature of God?*” But I want to compare that idea with some of the traditional definitions. If there be a proposed consensus, it seems to run along these lines: In the First place, it is the Agency by which the cosmos were created, or came into Being. Next, it is pretty universally presumed to be omnipotent and omniscient – all powerful and all knowing. Finally, it is asserted to be all good.

The fly in the ointment is the Problem of Evil. One way to express the Problem of Evil is, “*How can you believe in a merciful God when there are such creatures as mosquitoes on the earth?*” There are several other ways in which this problem is sometimes presented, but they all convey the same general idea.

I finally came to the conclusion that something had to go, and it was the idea that God were omnipotent. All of the other attributes are clear and wonderful, even obvious; but there is really no reason to introduce omnipotence among the other attributes of God. In fact, once you consider the aspect of a God which is a little more humble than previous incarnations, your admiration may clarify and greatly enlarge, not be reduced, by “such a come-down as to be giving up the claim to omnipotence.”

Even the omniscience might be toned down a bit. The Omniscience of God is obviously the Collective Unconscious, as it was

termed by Carl Jung, or the Mind of Gaia, as others describe it. God is Life, and Life is Consciousness. The more life, the more consciousness; and the more consciousness, the more life. However, vast as this Ocean of Consciousness may be, we can only speculate as to its limits.

Even the assumption that it must be “good” must be looked at very carefully to be sure we understand what we mean by “good.” Is Life as a whole more interested in the survival and enlargement in the whole field of life energy, or does it favor any one part of that ocean of life? To put it bluntly, is Man favored of God, or what?

I don't present my arguments here; I only present my conclusions. The ideas and arguments are far too complex to put into words, and I don't want to make that effort, but I think the human race does represent a very mature development of the energy of life, and, as such, its survival will always be a major part of the agenda of life. However, the survival of the trees may overshadow the importance of man; if the planet becomes uninhabitable, the race of man cannot survive.

The most pressing problem on Gaia's agenda is to reverse the physical decline of the earth. Since Gaia (or God) be not omnipotent, it must be up to Us Who are actually God, after all, to take upon Ourselves this responsibility.

# Free Market Capitalism

February, 2011

Somewhere I think I mentioned an annoyance I felt when an American President is talking about his goals of spreading democracy, when, of course, his goals had nothing to do with democracy. The United States may be some kind of a democracy, but that is not what gives it its defining character. The American Way of Life has always been about Freedom. Not only political freedom or religious freedom, but economic freedom. It is a system in which everyone is free to throw up his own carnival tent and hawk any wares he pleases. The Glory Days of the patent medicines were finally shut down by the food and drug laws, and many other little prohibitions and taxes are trying to rein in some other abuses, but, to a very large degree, Americans are free to do what they want in pursuit of economic gain, with very little regulation.

This is Free Market Capitalism, and it isn't necessarily a bad thing, but it can sometimes lead to excess and abuse, and sometimes even to excessive abuse. In the case of the military involvement of United States forces, within the memory of the last twenty or thirty years, their purpose has had nothing to do with democracy (this has been shown too many times to review here), but everything to do with maintaining a *status quo* which will not interfere with the capital interests of the United States Corporations, which is to make as much money as they can.

The problem is that the moving directive for the whole show is to make as much money as you can. On a global scale, this is just no

longer an acceptable option. There are some very real and pressing problems threatening the survival of life on Earth, and the world-wide tensions and instabilities all over the globe just make the problem of planetary survival almost impossible to cope with. When it comes to burning up the rain forest, the profit motive just won't do, any more.

And I don't mean to single out the Americans – anyone who has enough money to join the club, meaning that you have enough money or power so that it matters to the Earth what you do with it – is automatically a member of the same club. Go ahead; try to get as much as you can for yourself before the music stops.

The whole planet must be cultivated as the single field of biological energy that it is. Once this is accomplished, the problems facing our survival can be dealt with, at least as the start of an on-going effort, within one or two generations. But without it, the survival of human life on Earth is seriously threatened.

Ecosystems are just as fragile as economies. We have seen, historically, how massive panics have set off long periods of economic depression: just a few things get out of whack, and the whole thing collapses. Life is very similar! When an organism's living environment is radically damaged, its survival is threatened. We know what we, as a species, have to do. Lester Brown sums up the problems and reasonable solutions in his book, *World on the Edge*. The problem is that there is no money in it. All the money and power in the world is on the other side!

I have always laughed at people who get hysterical with conspiracy theories when they suggest that the people with money and power are

actually running the world. Of course the people with money and power are running the world! Oh, it gets shaken up every now and then with a revolution, which might be bloody, as in the French Revolution, or nonviolent, as the liberation of India from England. But, by and large, it is fairly well established that the people with the money and the power use that money and power to retain the money and the power in the hands of – themselves, the people with the money and power. Now, is that ever a tautology, or what?

This leaves us with two opposing camps, with quite different agendas. In order for life on Earth to survive, we have to convince the people with the money and power that the survival of life on Earth is worth their serious consideration. In fact, if political changes could be made that would ensure the ease of addressing survival concerns (yes, that would be some form of the dreaded *One World Government*), that should make for a Golden Age of free trade.

The problem is that a very significant portion of the world's wealth is directly related to the maintenance of a perpetual war footing. Why has no one mentioned George Orwell lately? The perpetual war, for manipulating the people and also to profit from war industries, was a central feature of Orwell's world in *1984*.

None of those huge industries are going to be at all happy with a world in which their services are no longer required. So, while some elements of the money and the power in the world might support an initiative that would allow life to continue on Earth, the industries of Destruction and Construction will oppose, to the death of the last man, anything that would reduce the amount of warfare going on in the world.

That sounds like a problem. I'm going to have to think about this for a while.

We need a different model of how to regulate this world of ours. The jungle of sovereign states, sovereign corporations, and sovereign individuals stomping around can no longer be tolerated. (As Lily Tomlin says, "This is the *Phone Company!* We are omnipotent.")

I want to establish a seat of authority: the voice of God. I literally want to incarnate God on Earth, as the chosen One of a special seminary of candidates, who will be given the very best education with emphasis on History and International Studies. The idea is simple enough: any reasonably competent person could handle the tasks required of him, to arbitrate in cases where no other satisfactory decision can be found. But we give the Authority to the Seminary as a whole, not to any one individual. It is up to the Seminary to nominate the One who will interpret and exercise the will of God as Steward of the Earth.

We have the confidence that, as a school, they will know which one of their number to choose for the stewardship. It is a microcosm: a little world, in which the solutions to the problems of the greater world can be found. (It is simply an alchemical vessel, to those who are students of Hermetic philosophy.) There is even the additional consideration of the effect of world opinion: the energy from these other sources can contribute to the channelings of energy that could result in the manifestation of an incarnation of God. Maybe the world actually works this way, and together We can focus our energies upon our alchemical vessel and cause a manifestation of an incarnation of God to appear on Earth to lead us forward.

The role of this person would be to maintain an overview of the whole planet, with the responsibility of keeping it all alive and healthy. Such an institution doesn't have to have any legal basis at all, and a fully endowed School of International Studies could be assembled of young people selected from all over the world for the purpose of creating a kind of "alchemical vessel" from which a manifestation of God were expected to emanate. The entire school would continue their specialized study of world affairs, and would constitute the most trusted sources from which the Speaker would draw information for making his calls. Whether this institution would ever attain a political influence is unpredictable, but here is a model in which I would place my trust ahead of any other schemes I have heard of.

But, once again, I see that I have bridged the gap – there is no reason to suppose that those who are profiting from plundering the Earth and laying it waste will voluntarily cease and desist, with or without a court order. So what can we do, here? I have put it in theological terms because it amounts to nothing less. The source of authority is the power of God. If the project works as expected, there may be a real expectation that an incarnation of God may appear, and when One is anointed, perhaps the Glory of God will fall upon Him. That's what we need – we need God to come again upon the Earth and guide us how to proceed with our stewardship of the Earth.

If the Seminary be given this mission, it will create a very powerful field of magical energy around it, and God will appear.

# A Review of *Zeitgeist, Moving Forward*

February, 2011

*“You can only get a loan from a bank if you can prove that you don’t need it.”*

I have been watching *Zeitgeist, Moving Forward*, and it is pretty interesting – lots of ideas sound familiar to me from my own writings, but there is one very critical point, which they seem to miss, and it surprises me.

The whole discussion of “access centers” where you just go in, take what you need, and when you are done you simply return it – all for free, etc., is appallingly simplistic. The narrator dismisses the notion rather quickly that if everything be freely provided, everyone will simply lie in the sun and do nothing.

My own insight is that this whole idea is subject to severe limitations, and even then it is suitable only for a certain segment of the population. I envision a two-tier economic system – a free market economy for the upper tier (limited by what I have called a “resource depletion tax”), and a “free farm” arrangement for the poorer members of society (*vide: New Solutions to the Problems of the Present Day - a Plan for International Prosperity and World Peace*, 1992, reprinted in *The Laughter of God*). The problem is how to deal with poverty, because the free market capitalist economy does not adequately provide for the social problems of poverty. On the other hand, the free farm approach

encounters serious obstacles when it is attempted to apply it to all of society: it runs counter to the desire inherent in all of life to flourish and “get ahead.”

I hardly need to detail the flaws in the *Zeitgeist* (or free farm) approach to economics: no one will want brand B; everyone will want the best of everything, the newest, biggest, and best. No one will want anything used, chipped, older, outmoded – there will be no economic incentive for selecting anything other than the very best of everything. Why eat hamburger and fries when you can eat lobster and caviar?

No, my system allows for providing for the needs of the poor with a free farm arrangement, but there will have to be a certain amount of regulation in the distribution of “free goods.” For one thing, I imagine two tiers to provide a minimal, but essential degree of regulation: an upper tier of “stewards” who form the responsible core of the farm and who enjoy a somewhat better standard of living than the “volunteers.” For example, the better living quarters, better quality beds and so on, will be given for the use of the stewards, while the older stuff (or smaller rooms) will be given to the volunteers, perhaps on a seniority basis. Anyone who wants anything more will have to pay for it. Of course, the funny notion of “no longer observing money” is so simplistic that I hardly need to pass over that with more than a tolerant smirk, and I have already exceeded my quota.

So, instead of paying out millions of dollars every month in transfer payments so that deadbeats can occupy a room in a flophouse downtown and spend their days smoking cigarettes and drinking coffee, we can simply provide space at one of the country farms where these

people can be provided for in a humane way, yet at the least cost to the rest of society. This will leave the cities as spaces occupied only by those who are actually involved in productive work. When a business fails, you don't have to resort to crime and fraud – you can simply pack it in and chill out at the free farm until you (perhaps with a different set of partners) feel like taking on another project “off the farm” and “into the jungle.”

The cost to society will be hugely less (free farm *vs.* transfer payments) for two reasons: direct costs will be far less; a hundred people can be kept in decent comfort on the free farm, with dormitories and cafeterias, for the cost of a few welfare checks. But, secondarily, the immense social costs of robbery, fraud, marketing of useless junk, drug addiction, prostitution, murder, and other by-products of a necessity to come up with money every month, will be greatly reduced, since there will be no need for any of that behavior. (It won't be eliminated entirely, of course, because there are other causative elements apart from financial necessity.)

But it is an essential part of my vision that this whole free farm culture exist side by side with a free market capitalism, so that everyone can be as free as they want, but with another option for those who wish to get off the tread-wheel for a while. The other half – those in the free market who are motivated and on to something, will find they can accomplish their goals in a streamlined manner, without being bogged down by carrying all the dead weight of loafers or drunks.

I see plenty of utopian visions like that suggested in *Zeitgeist*, but I have never seen anyone advocate anything like a two-tier system which combines socialist utopian theory with free market capitalism. It has

always seemed interesting to me that the idea is a perfect marriage of Capitalism and Communism, both of which have some interesting and commendable features, but both of which are plagued with some very serious problems. Socialist utopian visions can never work unless a creative element is free to explode off the top, providing evolutionary vitality.

Oh, and, by the way, all the malarkey about the insidious monetary system with its debt basis seems to be mis-applied emphasis. The real lesson there is that debt is a killer, whether it is personal debt, corporate debt, or the national debt of a sovereign state! Once you are in debt, and must borrow more money at ever more punishing terms in order to keep afloat, it becomes harder and harder to keep from sliding ever deeper into debt. In fact, you are not expected to get out of debt; the plot is to run people into debt so that they cannot avoid financial collapse, during which time the banks continue to claim their confiscatory 29% interest for the five or six years it may take for foreclosure proceedings to close.

In the same way, on the other side of the interest pay window, once you have sufficient wealth it is easy for that money to earn more wealth faster than you can spend it, causing a continuous rise in personal wealth. Once you reach a certain plateau, then the inertia is all behind you to become more and more wealthy. It is a mirror image of The Descent Into Hell whereby your increasing debt level forces you inexorably past the line into realms where the laws of mathematics will force you ever deeper into the hole until you reach a point where it is impossible to recover (legally – of course there will always remain the options of murder, mayhem, fraud, and theft, not to mention prostitution, drugs, and gambling).

This is inherently and progressively unfair, and it leads to social stratification with a self-perpetuating wealthy class over an endlessly struggling class of peons who can never get out of debt (as Alice learned through the looking glass, “you have to run very fast just to stay in the same place”), unless they are fortunate enough to hit upon some winning strategy, or join a successful revolution (not a bad option to consider, these days). It is unfair to blame the bankers who offer loans at high interest rates: the high rates are required to cover the significant default rate on the shakier loans, so that the worse your financial status, the more interest you have to pay to service your debt. Banks are not really responsible for debt: they simply take advantage of it to make money. One solution would be to outlaw the loaning of money at interest, so that no one would be able to get into debt. This has been tried, with usury laws forbidding the charging of more than 10% interest, for example. This makes sense: if your credit is so bad that no one will risk lending money to you at less than 10% interest, it probably means that you are fundamentally bankrupt, and the circulations of debt simply postpone the inevitable collapse and give much of the profits from your collapse to the bankers instead of your final creditors. You might as well simply bail out and go to the free farm as hang on another few years with escalating debt levels until the inevitable collapse.

Borrowing money at interest is a very scary business, whether for a person, corporation, or sovereign state. The risks and dangers of falling behind and reaching a level where it is mathematically impossible to recover are very real. The consequences can be far-reaching, whether it be the bankruptcy of personal family finances, the bankruptcy of General Motors, or the bankruptcy of Iceland, Ireland, Greece, or Spain, followed, like dominoes, by all the other countries until China is left alone on the Monopoly board as the winner – and then there will be

another revolution and someone else will rise to the top. I don't think this transition has been adequately appreciated by the modern world: military might is no longer the real measure of power; it has given way to economic might.

The activities of the American government might seem to promote a growing economy with a growing GDP, but that is just the visible bubble on top: the underlying real financial strength is not measured in economic activity, but by more fundamental measures of wealth: actual resources, including natural resources, money (both held and owed), and infrastructure: schools, roads, hospitals, water, and power – Zeitgeist got that much right. The world is currently played like a game of Monopoly, and the United States is not necessarily winning the game; in fact, this should be a wake-up call, since there are still substantial resources remaining in that country, yet they are melting away very quickly under some very surprising economic theories. (*Will P.T. Barnum please stand up?*)

Actually, the “United States” is not really one of the players on the Monopoly board. There are numerous Players, both individual and corporate, but “The United States” is just a fictional abstraction (in financial terms). It is a sink into which debt is loaded, and this is one of the principle mechanisms of generating more wealth for the Players, as the “U.S. Government” sinks woefully beyond that line of total bankruptcy to a mathematical certainty, barring the fortunes of war, and/or acts of God.

It might start raining manna from Heaven any day now; I hope you have a bag ready.

# Seven Ways to Retire the U.S. National Debt

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Just recently I updated an article I wrote about four years ago: *The Fall of the Dollar* (reprinted in *The Laughter of God*). The original article, written in 2007, contained a graph of the U.S. National Debt from 1940 until 2005, which showed a rather sobering exponential curve, suggesting that there was no way it could go but up, up, up, at an ever accelerating pace, as is the usual case with exponential curves. The graph ended at 2005 showing a debt of about \$7 trillion. I just updated the article to include an updated graph which carried the graph up to 2010, with the debt standing at about \$14 trillion, neatly doubled over the last five years.

The point of that earlier article was that the only alternative to the collapsing value of the dollar was for the United States to embark upon a series of wars of conquest, rape, and pillage.

However, upon further consideration, I have come up with a total of seven strategies for retiring the U.S. National Debt:

1. **Divine Intervention.** This is the most optimistic scenario. Let us all pray for divine intervention to solve the economic problems of the American government. As I speculate upon this possibility, it occurs to me that such divine intervention would most probably come as part of a larger package in which more than just American problems were

addressed, but, as there are an unlimited number of ways in which such divine intervention might take place, further speculation along these lines would be fruitless. Rather than instructing God as to how we want Him to manage the rescue of the financial affairs of the U.S. government, it is perhaps more becoming of us humbly to ask Him to use His best judgment in these matters.

2. Inheritance. When an individual finds himself laboring under ever escalating levels of debt, far beyond any ability he might have of repaying those debts, he can always hope for the death of some wealthy relative who might leave a fortune to him, enough for him to pay off those debts. In the same way, perhaps the United States government might inherit that \$14 trillion dollars from somewhere. Admittedly, this isn't very likely, and perhaps we are still best advised to pin our hopes (and our wagers) upon the first possibility: divine intervention. However, perhaps Saudi Arabia might decide to dissolve itself as a State, or at least to gift all of its oil fields to the United States government. It would not do, of course, for them to donate the oil fields to privately owned American corporations; no, in order for this possibility to offer any relief to the American government, it must be the U.S. government itself that would be the recipient of such a gift.

I do not have all of the numbers in hand, but perhaps such a gift might manage to float the United States over its current doldrums. On the other hand, such a gift might simply open the floodgates for massive new spending, which, if they are no more sensible than what we have seen over the last twenty or thirty years, might not even solve any problems at all. In fact, much like the stories of someone who inherits \$20 million and then, through a series of bad decisions, rapidly runs through all of the money, ending up with massive debts far in excess of

whatever debts he may have started with, this hypothetical gift of the Saudi oil fields might just make the American problems even worse. But, at least potentially, we must allow that such a windfall could be the means of rescuing the rapidly deteriorating financial prospects of the United States.

3. A third possibility is that the American government discovers some new source of wealth – perhaps gold mines located on federal lands. Once again, it would be useless for any of this to be discovered or owned by private individuals or corporations; in order for it to do the U.S. government any good, it must be a discovery on lands owned directly by the federal government. However, gold mines probably wouldn't work. If enough gold were discovered (in the Grand Canyon National Park, for example) to pay off the National Debt, the value of gold would collapse. If twice as much gold were to be found, to offset the collapsing value of the gold, that value would simply fall even faster – there may not be any quantity of gold that might make much difference, due to the inexorable law of diminishing returns.

However, there are other possibilities: perhaps some amazing new element were to be found that restores hair on bald heads, rejuvenates the sexual potency of aging men, restores beauty to aging women, and restores all functioning of the body to perfect radiant health indefinitely, allowing for theoretically infinite longevity (in the absence of any fatal accident). Some such discovery, as long as it were the sole monopoly of the U.S. government, might go very far towards reversing the slide to financial ruin.

4. Wars of Conquest. To say that there is substantial historical precedent for this method of restoring financial health to a failing state

were to massively understate the case. However, let us hope, for the sake of future generations yet unborn, that the United States will not decide to go down this road. Let us all fervently hope that one of the other choices will prevail.

5. Revolution/Repudiation of the Debt. Now this is a promising possibility! Perhaps the American people, waking up to the fact that the wealth of the nation has been systematically looted by a handful of wealthy families over the past 235 years, finally decide not to take it anymore, and rise up and overthrow the corrupt regime, putting some new government in its place (after all, Thomas Jefferson suggested that a new revolution were required every twenty-seven years: every generation must arrange political affairs according to current realities). Then the new government might blandly say that the debts of the previous government were not theirs, and they disown any obligation to repay same. Of course, the present government might simply declare bankruptcy and likewise simply renounce all existing debt, hoping simply to carry on with business as usual, but, in practical terms, it is unlikely for such a declaration to go down very smoothly without a radical change of government from the ground up (i.e., from the People). This option, while perhaps able to accomplish its primary objective, is fraught with additional difficulties; however, the post-repudiation problems are beyond the scope of the present article.

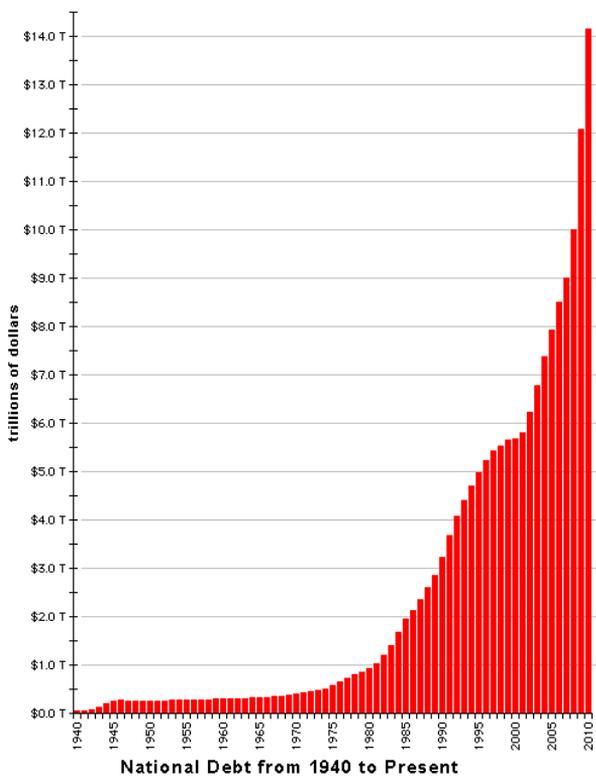
6. Inflation/Collapse of the Value of the Dollar. This was the projected outcome of my previous article on the fall of the dollar: that the only really likely alternative to bankruptcy, financial chaos, and/or war is for the value of the currency to be gradually eroded so that fixed dollar amounts are repaid with dollars which are worth substantially less.

7. A Tax on Wealth. Finally, among this catalog of unlikely alternatives, some of which might even appear to be frivolous suggestions, here is one more realistic (though highly improbable) option which could, theoretically, offer a real way out of the financial problems of the United States: put a tax where the money is! After all, it is largely due to the unconscionable looting of the financial resources of the country by the very wealthy that have caused the present desperate state of affairs, so it only makes sense that those American citizens and Corporations registered in the United States with huge piles of wealth stuffed in their mattresses should be the ones to pay up the bills of the country they have so sorely treated while the rest of the country's citizens have either been sleeping or been paid off.

In case you haven't figured it out yet, this option is the one that inspires me to revisit the financial problems of the dollar. The option may not be politically very popular among those with the wealth and the power in the country, but the other 98% of the population do still retain a theoretical legal right to enact such a tax. It may be possible, for example, to mount a popular campaign to achieve this goal of taxing the rich. Politicians might be elected on a platform of promising to vote for such an idea, and Congress might pass the necessary legislation to accomplish it. However, to avoid the rapid sheltering of funds, this would have to happen very quickly. Perhaps it might even be necessary to assess the tax rate retroactively to 2010. Large teams of special auditors would have to be employed to determine appropriate assessments. Criminal penalties (i.e. indefinite incarceration until and unless the tax were paid) would probably have to be imposed.

Yes; the sharp ones among you will have noticed that these are not all uniquely different proposals. In fact, the present suggestion (of

taxing the rich) is quite decidedly revolutionary. The fall of the Bastille in 1789 might meet its parallel in the fall of the House of J.P. Morgan Chase, for example. Additionally, the formidable political obstacles to such a course of action might require divine intervention after all. Thus, when making any wagers as to the probable outcome of the current financial *ancien regime*, be sure to draft the terms of your wagers very carefully to avoid disputes.



Source: U.S. National Debt Clock  
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# The Kabbalah and The Tree of Life

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I have studied eclectic philosophy all my life. I learned most about the Tree of Life of the Kabbalah when I accidentally re-invented it. When I saw that what I had done matched completely what was done before, I began to think that I must be on the right track.

It was Pythagoras who had the brilliant epiphany that the Numbers of mathematics are themselves the primary symbols of the Arcana, and comprise the original Metaphysics representing our Cosmos as Emanations from God. It is like all of the laws of geometry being based upon the definitions and axioms of Euclid.

Early on in my studies I figured out that all of the philosophies and religions in the world were all based around the same series of primary ideas, some emphasized more than others. I sorted out the ideas into those ideas expressed by the number One, ideas represented by the number Two, ideas illuminated by the number Three, ideas corresponding to the number Four, and ideas relating to the number Five. The meaning of each of these primary mysteries is best illuminated symbolically by the concept of the number associated with each idea (*Pythagorean Doctrine*).

I developed simple images to illustrate the essence of each number, and this sequence of ideas represented by the numbers of mathematics formed the basis of my studies and teaching of philosophy.

One day, pretty much by accident, I happened to stack my images vertically instead of horizontally, the way I had been presenting them in my books. To my surprise, I immediately recognized the Tree of Life from the Kabbalah. At first I thought this were an amusing coincidence, but, upon further investigation, I discovered that it was not simply the visible picture that was matched, but in every case, each of the 10 spheres (*Sephiroth*) corresponded precisely to the significance of the same position on my design! At first I was astonished, but eventually I realized that it would be more astonishing if they differed, since my sequence of images was intended to convey the same sequence of ideas represented by the Tree of Life: a primary Metaphysics illuminating the Nature and Meaning of God, and His relationship with Man, and with all the rest of His Cosmos.

After discovering this similarity, it became an easy matter to develop a much deeper understanding and appreciation of the Tree of Life. This is the same sequence of primary ideas as represented by every spiritual teaching in one way or another.

This primary sequence of Ideas and their Numbers from Pythagoras is none other than the Four Letters of the Name of God: *Tetragrammaton*. I was always very interested in the Tetragrammaton, as it was said to be the highest Key to understanding the Mysteries – the *Arcana*. However, all of my research sources lamented that the meaning and significance of the Tetragrammaton, while revered as surely the highest Key to the Mysteries, has, unfortunately, been lost. But such Mysteries cannot be lost. As Pythagoras tells us, the Illumination of each Mystery is contained within itself.

*vide: Patterns of Illusion and Change, reprinted in The Laughter of God.*

# The Hierarchy of Importance

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The Hierarchy of Importance suggests an idea which comes very close to an illumination of the concept of God. It is of universal application: it is always invoked, in addition to anything else going on. When one searches philosophy for an answer to the questions of life, the function of the reply is to indicate that it is really the answer to the question, “What should I *do, now?*” That is really the answer behind every question; so what should I *do, now?*

Like everything else, the answer will unfold along the lines of that hierarchy of importance. What is of the most fundamental importance? I start with an understanding of our world as a single integrated field of life energy existing within the edges of chaos. What is important to understand is that it is a single organism, and that it is alive, and conscious. Perhaps it is linked with other patches of life energy in the universe, but, in any case, it is most useful to focus our attention upon the life we know of, here: Gaea, or Gaia, a personification of the living aspect of all of life on our planet Earth (God, to us).

Our hierarchy of importance starts with the survival and growth of this organism, which is *us*, after all. The major observation is that this field of life energy is under enormous, seemingly insurmountable, levels of stress; the planet has been visibly dying for several hundred years, and the pace of disintegration of the life force has picked up lately as the earth falls further and further behind, biologically.

Next in importance comes the consciousness that the biological condition of the earth needs to be turned around immediately, “at war-time speed,” as Lester Brown says in his important book, *World on the Edge* ([www.earth-policy.org/books/wote](http://www.earth-policy.org/books/wote)). In fact, that book is an excellent place to begin learning about all of the problems facing the survival of life on earth, and some of the suggested ways of addressing those issues.

That book doesn't really consider the political issues, but there are very definitely political obstacles to the rapid and efficient management of the earth's resources back to a sustainable, and regenerative, level. So this next idea is the *One World Government*, as the political evolution most immediately essential for the regeneration of the earth to be undertaken. This is always the most politically charged proposal, but the only alternative to some form of *One World Government*, is a *Jungle of Sovereign States*, which is the political format which we are currently enjoying. At least, I suppose we are enjoying it. In the interests of a tight edit, I here omit a whole tirade upon the abuses borne by our Mother Earth by some of her Sovereign Masters, lately.

Moving right along, once we have a One World Government and a Single Currency, we will also want a standard and universal land tax, collected and administered by the State, but no other taxation, other than some sort of “resource depletion tax” which will be used to modify inappropriate activity for the earth.

Next in importance is to establish free farms for the indigent, world-wide. Everywhere in the world there should be places where anyone can go to live for free, with food to eat. This is by far the easiest way to deal with the problem of hungry people: just feed them!

At this point in the argument, it is time to address major issues in land use management in order to evolve ways of living on the earth which will tend to increase the life energy, order, and efficiency of life, rather than continuing the parade of its decline and death. It will come as a surprise to no one that I put the restoration of the Trees as first in importance under this heading!

But, not only do we need to plant more trees, we need to manage all of the biological cycles in the most efficient way, following the course recommended by nature. We will want to create healthy soil for restoring the earth to fertility, and an important example of what needs to be done is for all of the collection of residential organic waste (the toilet, plus kitchen scraps and yard waste) to be processed and returned to the soil in as short a loop as possible (whenever possible, all recycling should be done on the spot, *in situ*). All organic waste, from all sources, must be returned to the soil, or otherwise recycled into use. I have never believed that the entire whirlwind of waste processing is simply to throw it away. *As Above, So Below*: as it is in my garden, so it is on the Earth: if I constantly recycle all organic waste back to my compost piles, active with worms, then I very quickly accumulate an abundance of rich soil which may be used to increase the coverage of my cultivation. But if the soil be depleted and dry, with flooding and soil erosion in other seasons, then the land will rapidly decline back to the desert.

The next in importance would be to establish a Seat of Authority behind the One World Government. My own idea is a Seminary of Candidates, a School of International Studies, which would collectively hold the Seat of Authority (*Throne, or Cathedra*), and which would endow one of their number as their Spokesperson, who would personally sign their decisions as their agent and advocate.

From here I see a great many lesser matters of process which seem to be flawed, and in need of correction of error. One of the most important ideas is the understanding of personal health in the same light as the health of Mother Earth, or Gaea. In order to ensure the survival of life on earth, we want to encourage all of the natural life processes to continue, and minimize interference from the forces of chaos. In the case of the soil of our earth, it is essential to cultivate her as an organic, living being, rich with life, and not clouded with chemical interference whose long term consequences are generally the opposite of the early experience (just exactly the same pattern as any other drug).

And we should treat our own body with the same reverence and respect, trying to understand how to maximize the integration of our life forces in accordance with the natural process, avoiding the use of synthetic chemicals. As our lands will become fertile again, our bodies will likewise become healthy and fertile again, and life can go on.

# Good-bye

May, 2011

Personal problems cause me to bring my creative work to a close.

As my life passes in review before my eyes, I have to conclude that it has been a good life. I have made a great many mistakes, and much that I have attempted to accomplish remains unfinished. Perhaps some fresh young persons of a new generation may continue some of the work I have started, or realize some of my dreams, but, as for me, I must lay down my tools and allow the EVANESCENT PRESS to achieve its ultimate destiny of vanishing like a cloud of vapor, as my small contribution to the evolution of life passes into history.

All of my life I have looked at everything the way a proof-reader does – seeing the errors and looking for a better way. Sometimes this style might make it seem that I do not appreciate what is right and good, but that is not so: I love this world and this life; I love the people in our world, and I love the animals and the plants – my love of trees must be evident to anyone familiar with any of my writings. I have to admit that it is with a very great sadness that I let it all go as I fade away into oblivion.

But it is definitely true that I have a heightened awareness of error – I see it everywhere: in my own life, to begin with. I suppose my own mistakes and failures of judgment may not really be so much worse than

those of most other people. It is true that I have lived my life on the edge, with radical ideas and attitudes, and I know that many people do not understand me at all, and look upon me as flawed, but I claim the familiar defense that I have been misunderstood. I do not want to minimize my own errors – with my proof-reader’s eyes it seems to me that I have done everything wrong. In my days as a letterpress printer on my handmade paper, I don’t think I ever looked at a finished piece of work without thinking of some way in which I might have done it better: wider margins, a different font or size, different line spacing, or something. In the same way, I now look back upon time after time in which I made a bad choice or did something foolish or wrong.

Nonetheless, I am not afraid to stand in the presence of God and accept His judgment of my life. I have tried to do the best I could, and it seems to me that most of my errors were very small, though numerous. I recall little things: something I may have said to someone that I later realized must have been considered very rude – these are the things that torment me, not any really serious errors. To anyone who may feel that anything I may have said or done was wrong, I offer my sincere apologies.

On the other side of the ledger, I consider what I have accomplished in my life. I have always considered my investigations into philosophy and metaphysics to have been of the greatest importance. I would say that my most important contribution to philosophy is my re-discovery of the significance and importance of the *Tetragrammaton* and the *Tree of Life* of the *Kabbalah*. This is followed, in my estimation, by my correlation of the primary trigrams of the *I Ching* with the planets and metals of astrology and alchemy and the colors of the aura. And in

my later years, I have become more and more interested in the nature of Consciousness and its relationship with God.

Over the course of my investigations into the mysteries of philosophy and life, I have developed a complete system of metaphysics, which answers all of my questions about the ultimate nature of reality. My conclusions may be wrong, of course, or incomplete, but at least they satisfy my own requirements. One thing I have to admit is that I used to think I had a “complete” metaphysics worked out, and then I would evolve some new ideas which extended or enlarged the scope of my existing ideas. I conclude from that that I suppose that *it is only possible to know what we know; it is not possible to know what we don't know!*

However, at least I have answers which satisfy me for all of the principle questions of philosophy: the origin and nature of the world, and the meaning of God. I was puzzled by the Problem of Evil, until I finally figured out that “God” were not a Being of infinite and omnipotent power, but the collective consciousness of all of Life. All of Life: together We are God.

I should also say that I have not discovered anything new – I used to think I were formulating new and original ideas (in my youth), and then I read the *Tao Te Ching* by Lao Tzu, and I was amazed to find ideas there which I thought I had invented. Later on, after I had a whole metaphysics built up of a sequence of primary ideas, I discovered, in my life's major epiphany, that by arranging the symbols of my ideas in a vertical pattern instead of horizontal, I had reproduced exactly the *Tree of Life* of the *Kabbalah*. From there, I understood also the meaning of the *Tetragrammaton*, whose significance was said to be lost, but which was revered as the most important Key to the mysteries of life.

So I have not discovered anything new – all I have done is to have re-discovered for myself the meaning of the ancient mysteries. I have, however, arranged them all into a format which I believe clarifies their meaning better than anything I have seen presented anywhere else. All of these ideas are detailed in my earlier book *The Laughter of God*.

My understanding of God has evolved tremendously from my earliest efforts to understand things. At the age of six I experienced a theological crisis, since my father was a Methodist minister and yet as far as I could figure out it was all nonsense! I remained a confirmed atheist for most of my early years, yet I knew from the start that it were useless to denounce something as wrong without having an alternative to propose. Accordingly, I set about studying all ideas of philosophy and religion that I could find. I do not need to repeat the story of my growing understanding of those ideas, nor of the growing understanding of the nature of God, since it is all there in my published work, but I finally came around to appreciating the meaning and significance of God. At first, my idea of God was very abstract, but the more I continued with my investigations, the more I began to understand God in a more personal sense.

This all gets very complex. There is even a trinity of ideas that comprise my understanding of God: God the Father (or Mother) as the ultimate source and origin of the cosmos, which can only be seen in contrast with God the Son, an original movement out towards Novelty and Being. This may be understood as the original “joke” of imagining that Zero and Infinity mean different things. Our manifest cosmos represents the consequence of that original Joke, and the path towards reunion with God.

These “two persons of the Trinity” might be more easily understood as Female and Male principles, or Yin and Yang. But it is God the Holy Ghost which interests me lately: the God of the totality of Consciousness that sustains and orders the evolutions of life on our world.

Looking at God in this way, and not as some all-powerful Being who is therefore responsible for all of the enormous errors and problems of the world, has encouraged me to understand the importance of Our own role: We are God, after all, and it is We who must take responsibility for the state of the world!

Instead of sitting back and “waiting for George to do it,” We must shoulder the responsibility Ourselves! It is up to Us to evolve Our Consciousness towards union with God and lead the field of life energy out of our current downward spiral and onto an upward path.

As I look over the last 10,000 years, it seems to me that there has been considerable positive evolution, and yet there are many very troubling signs in our current world. There are many who suppose that it is not possible to elevate the spiritual condition of Man or Beast, and that there is a fundamental selfishness that is inherent in the nature of life, but it is evident to me that there has been some real spiritual evolution going on. In fact, it has now become imperative for the human race (which, of course, occupies some of the higher ground in the hierarchies of Consciousness) to advance the pace of spiritual evolution if there is to be any hope for the survival of life on Earth.

I have tried to address some of these issues in my own life: my efforts to establish alternative sources of tree-free papermaking, utilizing

abundant agricultural waste products instead of destroying the Trees of our ancient forest, have occupied most of the last fifteen years of my life. Even where annual fiber crops may be grown, hemp, for example, it will be the seed crop which will provide the primary harvest, yielding food for human nutrition, while the remaining stalks may be used for making pulp for paper. Many of these agricultural waste products are as good or better than wood as a source of papermaking, and there is already a great abundance of this material that is simply wasted and discarded every year.

And then, buried and forgotten among my older writings, there is my idea of a Seminary formed of young people selected from all over the world to form a school and training ground for leadership in addressing the problems of the world. I still think that this is one of the most important ideas I have offered, and that it has the potential to provide a framework by which we might evolve a better political structure for sorting out the problems of the world. This is, of course, a very tall order, but the current jungle of sovereign states, many controlled by cabals of greedy, ruthless, and very fearful men (they are mostly men) creates a very dangerous world which is beset by very severe problems which threaten the survival of life more than any other aspect of our world.

When I speak about “cabals of greedy, ruthless, and very fearful men,” which countries do I have in mind? Well, just about all of them! Some are worse than others, but there are few governments that inspire much confidence. Problem states come to mind very easily, but whenever I am tempted to think of a country as rising above their more sordid neighbors, I am told by residents or nationals of those countries that the stink of corruption in their countries is as foul as anywhere else.

I might be tempted to be more specific, but I think I prefer to keep the argument here very general.

Let us all hope and pray and work towards a better world. The first priority is to survive, and in order for the human race to survive, it is necessary for the planet to survive, and that means restoring the Trees, which have historically comprised the major portion of the Earth's living biological activity. The Trees have always been the primary basis of Life on this planet, and without them there is little hope for the rest of us.



Please, God, grant us the wisdom and the strength to do Thy will.

## Re: The Happiness Project

September, 2011

I have studied philosophy all of my life, and I believe I have come to a clear understanding which I have tried to express as clearly as possible in my writings, (e.g., *The Laughter of God*).

Among the many insights which a clear understanding of the principles of philosophy will provide is that Happiness is one of the expressions for that convergent point at the Center. If you imagine metaphysics to be represented by a sphere, there will be the convergent point at the center, which is infinite love, infinite happiness, total compassion, bliss, and joy, perfect radiant health, infinite energy, infinite peace, and infinite wealth, and everything good. As you move away from that point of perfection at the center, you move towards novelty, which becomes complexity, then confusion, and then chaos, at the periphery of the sphere, where the energy dissipates. This also means that as you drift further from that point at the center, you will have less energy, poorer health, increasing poverty, bewilderment, anger, and death.

I also want to mention that the search for Novelty is the spark of Life; the lesson here is that Novelty is only good up to a point; but Novelty is not the same as going bad. The *Solve et Coagula* of Hermetic

Alchemy is the same movement away from the point, followed by a movement toward the point: a simple example is the action of a hammer. Or, in order to inhale again, you must first exhale.

This very simple concept can be used as a model by which to understand any process of change. For example, “a very simple measure of a person’s level of spiritual growth is the degree to which they love everyone.” Another way of saying the same thing is that “a measure of a person’s level of spiritual growth is how happy they are.” I prefer the former way of putting it, because if anyone wants to play the game of “more loving than thou,” they are very welcome to do so! However, the game of being “happier than thou” doesn’t seem to me to be nearly as much fun.

So the idea is not only that happiness is an important goal to be sought, but that the closer you get to the happiness goal (or the higher your “happiness quotient”), the more love you will feel, and the healthier and more beautiful you will be, *because it is all the same thing!*

So, like all other yogas, the Yoga of Happiness will bring you closer to union with God, and I’m all for it! This world needs all the happiness, and all of the love, that it can get.

*Addendum* appended for the rehabilitation of Timothy Leary:

There have been objections to Timothy Leary’s slogan of “tune in, turn on, and drop out;” it seemed to be completely negative in its implication. However, I have long ago discovered the importance of considering an idea from the point of view of trying to understand what

the idea was, rather than a literal interpretation of the words. In the present instance, Leary's idea is lost in the midst of its misconception. The first step towards a regeneration is a fall back. *Solve et Coagula*. Move back away from the forward point in any direction of novelty, followed by a renewed movement forward: Change is like the pounding of a hammer. Meditation is a similar *going within*, in contrast to the more usual *going out* that pervades so much of our life. Like a sabbatical, a period of going back may be followed by a creative and powerful movement forward. So Leary's message can only be understood in the light of its obvious continuation: "and then do something New."

Tune in, turn on, drop out; and then do something new.

# A New Currency, A New Bank, and a New World

September, 2011

Money is funny stuff. I think of it as one of the universal abstractions like “time” and “energy” or “power.” They all mean the same thing; they are just different ways of looking at it.

Now that the world’s financial structure has fallen apart, no one quite knows what to do. What do you do when a sovereign state goes broke, like Greece or the United States? And what is the role of Banks and Bankers? Who owns the money, anyway?

I have been under the opinion that the entire world needs a makeover in every sense. Like a great many others, I have realized that there can be no growth or movement forward in any significant way until the political unity of the entire world is settled.

That, in a nutshell, is the defining problem of our time. Whether or not human life, or any life at all, manages to survive the next hundred years will depend upon the way the people of the earth come to deal with this present crisis.

But that it is all One Ball of Wax is the first lesson; there is no point trying to patch up one hole here and stop another leak over there – the political problems facing the union of the planet are inextricably

related to the economic problem, or the way in which the universal abstraction of Money will be applied to facilitate trade and prosperity.

This is such a huge problem and the objections against all of the solutions are legion, but I simply present it as self-evident that the planet we live on must evolve towards a political unity, or there is no hope for the survival of life. I spend no time debating the point; I just wish to lay out a vision of a way in which a new arrangement could work.

The entire jungle of currencies in the world and the complex web of financial entanglements linking them represent, in the most primary fashion, a description of the moving power of a living system. It is much like a schematic diagram of an electrically powered system. "Follow the Money."

I have considered the problem of the Source of Authority, and I have come to my own, perhaps surprising, idea of vesting that authority in a School, whose members would finally select the one to exercise the final authority. I have written about these ideas quite a bit for many years, but the function of this position has always confused and frightened people. It always seems to make them think that I want to endow some new Emperor with infinite power to lord it over the rest of us; when, in fact, of course, it is entirely the reverse: the whole necessity of a final Judge is to relieve us of the constant efforts, at every turn, of every man to get the most for himself (and the same goes for quite a few women, too). All the final judge would do would be to try to regulate the system as judiciously as possible to avoid all such excess and abuse.

But there is another very important aspect of this new world government: Money. One of the main roles of the Government would be to regulate the economy so that it functions with maximum efficiency, completely avoiding all such problems as are now overwhelming our current crop of world bankers, with their sovereign defaults upsetting a whole house of cards.

So, we start by issuing a new currency, which would replace all others currently in use. We call it the mammon, and we establish its value somewhere in the familiar range of the dollar, pound, franc, or euro. The Seat of Government would have the privilege and responsibility of printing and distributing this currency in such supply as would most effectively encourage efficiency in the market-place. That same Seat of Government would also levy a tax, based upon the ownership of land, and this tax would be paid in mammons. So this Seat of Government would actually be a World Bank, which would regulate the system of financial transactions worldwide.

The first step would be to calculate the value of the initial account each person (or corporation) would start out with. It would be the responsibility of this Bank and Government to determine and regulate these values.

That is the easy part. The harder part would be to liquidate the financial affairs of current governments. Essentially, each Sovereign State would be financially liquidated, and its value (or its debt) would be shared among the citizens of that State. This will not be easy! Next, as a consequence of that last effort, some people, from indebted countries like the United States, may end up with serious levels of debt. This is simply inefficient mathematically; it makes more sense to just give

everyone else more money so that the poorest people end up with nothing, which is a great deal better than being in debt. If everyone's account were simultaneously raised by the amount of the largest debt, nothing would be changed in terms of the relationships between the accounts; we would simply have raised the line, so that we do not have to deal with negative accounts mathematically.

Yes, this Universal Account would also amount to a Universal Number! Everyone's worst fears would be realized: yes, there would be a New World Order, with a New Currency, a New Bank, a New Court, and a new King, and everyone will have a Number. Is this a vision of sheep lined up for slaughter, or is it a vision of the Golden Age, in which everyone lives happily ever after? Gone will be the rampaging bandits from the face of the earth, looting and pillaging as they go. In place would be a very simple system.

Anyone on earth who lacks the wherewithal to provide food, shelter, or health care could simply check into one of the Free Farms set up for this purpose, and their basic needs would be met. Everyone else would be free to work at any other occupation that they expect will provide them a better lifestyle than available at the Farm.

The Government could simply print up all the money it needs for this or any other purpose, since there will probably be a continuing need for more money going into circulation. Taxation on land would be the other alternative to printing money, depending upon the relative merits of each choice. There is no reason at all why there should be any problem with the Government simply printing up all of the money it needs to spend. Any time there ends up being too much money in circulation, the Government would simply reel it back in through

taxation. In this way, a happy balance could be maintained, and life goes on.

A careful investigation into the consequences of such a system will reveal that it would be very, very efficient. For example, in the present system of taxation, a very large percentage of the total tax received is spent in preparing and calculating taxes, producing and distributing tax forms, auditing rogue corporations, collecting the tax, and hiring tax lawyers who attempt to minimize the tax owed by their clients. Under the system I envision, all taxes would simply be levied on the ownership of land. Once this were set up, the entire collection of taxes, world-wide, could be accomplished in a moment, in which everyone's calculated tax would simply be deducted from their account automatically, by computer programs. Of course, setting up and updating property values world-wide would be of central importance.

In the absence of wars or natural disasters, there is no reason why there could not be a continuing and rapidly increasing level of prosperity for everyone.

# The War on Drugs

December, 2011

(a posting sent to a list, among the censored:)

## **The War on Drugs:**

Well, here are some references which relate to the Government's position on drugs:

[www.naturalnews.com/034289\\_Afghanistan\\_opium\\_trade.html](http://www.naturalnews.com/034289_Afghanistan_opium_trade.html)

Hello, Big Brother:

I have small expectation that you will allow this link to be published; bad enough that it has already been widely distributed on its own; better not let anyone who is involved in a more religious perspective (with a sacramental use of cannabis to get in touch with God), see any of this information!

Perhaps the articles are all wrong – how could our government be so single mindedly pursuing such an agenda of world domination, money, and power as to participate, gleefully, in the program of getting rich (so you can buy guns which you can sell in Mexico, Central America, or South America) while peddling heroin to inner city kids, to

keep them sedated, with their minds off of revolution, just trying to get another fix?

Yet, out of the other side of their mouths, sipping their alcoholic drinks, they pursue an agenda targeting the use of cannabis, since most cannabis users are far more alternative- and counter- cultural than their martini sipping counterparts, most of whom can always be relied upon dutifully to support the Establishment.

The magnitude of the hypocrisy is beyond belief!

I may as well mention that I am keeping a file containing a record of all my censored posts.

And they still pretend that it is about Democracy, and not a program of financial and political dominance. And they blandly continue to use stock phrases like Freedom, Democracy, and the Bill of Rights, as if any of it had any meaning.

They ask the protestors Occupying Wall Street, “What are your demands?” Well, how’s this for an answer: **“We demand that everyone with Wealth or Power give away their wealth, abandon their power, and go jump in a lake!”**

No? That one not going to work? Well, how about another idea: a Revolution of Everyone Else. Thomas Jefferson said that such a revolution should happen every twenty-seven years, in order to sweep away the accumulated concentrations of wealth and power, advantage and privilege. Perhaps a Revolution is overdue? Perhaps this will be a

World-Wide Revolution, and Something Altogether Different will supervene?

Oh, no! There should be an immediate **Congress of the Wealthy and Powerful**, to consider how to deal with this threat.

Perhaps a constructive dialogue can be initiated in which the Congress of the Wealthy and Powerful try to negotiate a settlement with the World-Wide Revolution. Such a negotiated solution may be the only chance for the survival of life on earth.

And you can begin by lifting the ban on the freedom of speech. What have you got to lose? Isn't it better to let it go and see where it goes? I assure you, it is. Just let it go.

# A Congress of the Wealthy and Powerful

## *(Conclave at the Grotto)*

December, 2011

It is the worst fear of every conspiracy theorist: some Grand *Conclave at the Grotto* of all of the world's Wisest, Wealthiest, and/or most Powerful people, come to an emergency Congress to assess the state of the world, and the most immediate threats to the survival of life on the earth.

The dominance of the earth and its resources by the wealthy and powerful is not the only issue at stake: the biological survival of the thin envelope of life on earth, our tender biosphere, is seriously at risk. It is an essential and immediate necessity to address these problems. If we act fast, it may yet be possible for life to continue to exist on the fragile ecosphere and biosphere of our little planet.

But the problems extant on the world stage, if ranked by importance, look pretty bleak: not only is our fragile biosphere being rapidly degraded by unbelievably foolish and short sighted activities, but world-wide financial institutions, currencies, and balances of debt are out of control and spinning off into Chaos, with potentially dire consequences.

Underpinning all of this there is a very wild “Law of the Jungle” pervading throughout the earth, taking very frequently some very, very frightening directions. One loose cannon is enough to do significant damage to the Ship of State. But if the earth were covered with loose cannons – it is hardly necessary to mention any names! It is a much shorter list to come up with areas of the globe not under the dominance of one or more loose cannons!

The time has come to take the wraps off of what everyone has been warned is coming: **One World Government**. It is now time for those of wealth and power to convene a major Congress to determine how to implement the plan.

No one needs to be alarmed! Those of wealth and power will realize the importance of certain issues vital to the survival of life, so an orderly arrangement of those issues is the only sensible way to manage them, avoiding excess at all times.

Issues at stake will be the origin of the Authority for the executive responsibility, an agenda for the restoration of the biological health of the planet (*vide, e.g., World on the Edge*, by Lester Brown), the establishment of a new central bank for a universal world currency, the provision of a world-wide network of free farms for the housing, feeding, and care of the indigent, and such other issues as may be necessary of inclusion to an important new vision for the world, such as the restoration of a universal land tax to replace all of the whirlwind and confusion of taxes everywhere else, under and with which our world is mired and burdened.

The Number One Responsibility of the One World Government will be to protect and cultivate the Earth's biosphere as a garden, encouraging healthy survival and growth of the phenomenon of Life, world-wide. Perhaps next in importance will be the maintenance of the World Bank underpinning the new currency, for handling the matters of trade and finance. Since the "house" of the World Bank will be the One World Government itself, it can simply issue money as needed. A simple, universal land tax world-wide will replace all other instruments of taxation. (- with the exception of resource depletion taxes, which will have to be imposed upon an otherwise free market). Next will probably be the establishment of non-profit industries covering all essential aspects of civilization: food distribution, health care, transportation, and so on. Of course, the participation of anyone else or any other private company would be fully encouraged on a free market basis.

And that's about it: the limits of the new One World Government. Its issues are few, but important. Otherwise, it will also keep the Peace. This is a thankless job, and there will be endless disputes and protests, but any resolution of problems is better than a resort to arms, and all parties will benefit from a negotiated solution, even a "wrong" one.

Only a Congress of the Wealthy and Powerful will be able to bring about these changes. We cannot wait any longer before seriously addressing these issues. It is indeed a monumental task: it is nothing less than a complete makeover of the biological, political, financial, and social structures of the earth, but the survival of life on earth is at stake, and we have no other alternative but to take it on.

# The Falling Dollar, Continued

December, 2011

I am not a politician, so I claim the privilege of changing my opinions whenever I wish. For the life of me, I cannot understand why it is held as such an essential virtue for a politician to retain an absolutely fixed and rigidly consistent view of everything. If there is no possibility for any evolutionary growth or change, then God help us all. I have far more respect for a politician who is able to follow an evolutionary path in the trend of his ideas and policies than for a politician who is stuck in the constipated cement of immutable dogma, built up brick by brick from his earliest public utterings.

I have been worried about the fate of the United States government and its people for a long time now. Of course, I have necessarily extended my concern to the entire human race, and the entire biosphere of the planet, commonly personified as Gaia, a conscious, living being. However, the United States is the biggest elephant in the room, and it appears to be stomping around beyond all control or reason, spinning off madly into chaos while the rest of the world watches, helplessly. Well, there is plenty of stomping around into chaos on all sides, but the American government is by far the largest and most powerful loose cannon on the deck of the world ship, and consequently is liable to do the most damage.

The heart of the problem is that the American government is so far beyond bankrupt that it is virtually a mathematical certainty for it to fail economically. Actually, of course, it has already “failed” long ago. It is

like the original Carlo Ponzi, whose “Ponzi scheme” was utterly bankrupt for many years before the US government was finally able to force it down. The problem was that Ponzi was paying his high interest rates from the new funds which were constantly being subscribed! Since he kept on faithfully paying out those rates, people continued to re-invest and his empire was going on and on. Of course, mathematically this was untenable, and the longer it continued the greater the final devastation when it finally imploded.

My first article on the subject took it as understood that the only reasonable expectation was not for the government simply to declare bankruptcy, but, once no one else would take the risk of loaning it any more money, it would be forced simply to print up more and more dollars, driving the value of the dollar inexorably down and down.

My second article took another look at the problem and concluded that there was another option – that the United States tax the rich, whose looting of the treasury over the past 350 years has reduced the country to its present state of penury. This is politically untenable, of course, so it is not really much of a possibility.

But I have changed my opinion of what is to be done. In my last article on the subject, I detailed Seven Ways to Retire the US National Debt, introducing the option of taxing the rich. But I have reconsidered that approach in favor of a new option that I seem to have overlooked, probably because this new option is about as laughably impossible as taxing the rich. What if the US government should stop spending so much money? I will go out for coffee now, while everyone subsides into uncontrollable hilarity for the next twenty minutes. (“Does a bear shit in the woods?” they used to ask.)

It is not that it is even so impossible – I have already detailed a program of drastically curtailing spending – it is just that the nature of the beast is so rooted in endless, profligate spending that it is just unimaginable that there might be any way to curb the voracious appetite of this monster.

Still, if I am going to make any recommendations, I might as well, just for the record, suggest that the government quit spending so much money. Just to recap how to do this: no more wars, first of all. Free Farms instead of transfer payments. Simplify the tax code to consist of just a land tax plus a resource depletion tax. Eliminate about 90% of all federal jobs and bureaucracies, including the Department of “Defense.” Put an end to the War on Drugs and other victimless crimes. Scrap endless regulation and “busy work.” Oh, and pay off that debt as fast as possible.

There aren’t enough jobs to go around anymore, but that should be good news – anyone put out of work by these policies could just go fishing, or retire to the Free Farm, and leave the rest of the economy to those who have something worthwhile to do.

Oh, yes – I really should address the objection that working people don’t like the idea of supporting the poor. Why should someone spend a portion of his hard earned money to feed hungry people who don’t have money of their own?

Well, in the spirit of Jonathan Swift’s *Modest Proposal*, I might suggest a simple and elegant solution: every year, perhaps on January 1<sup>st</sup>, July 4<sup>th</sup>, or some other selected date, the poorest 10% of the world’s population should be painlessly euthanized. This would not only go

very far toward treating the problem of over-population, but what a stimulus to economic activity! Suddenly, all of those loafers who thought there were simply going to be fed humanely will be galvanized into action, and the race will be on.

As every year's losers are put out of their misery, the economy will start tightening up really quickly, freed up of all of that drag on the wheels of commerce.

## Manipulated Markets

December, 2011

As we face the imminent collapse of the global financial system, credit markets, and currencies – not only the dollar and the euro; the whole concept of fiat currencies is being met with increasing skepticism – one thing is puzzling me: the collapse of the property markets.

Many people have been predicting economic chaos on a scale never before seen on earth, probably dwarfing the Great Depression of the 30s. As we face this possibility or probability, everyone wants to know how it will affect them, and how they can best manage their affairs to cushion the blow when it comes.

For the super rich, the problem is to find some safe assets to hold which will retain value after currencies become worthless. For everyone else, the problems are far more fundamental and primitive: what is the best way to ensure that you will have food to eat and a place to live?

For the rich, the solutions are precious few: gold and silver, perhaps, although these are not good long-term investments. Yes, a canny investment in precious metals (or even common metals, or other basic commodities) made at a carefully calculated moment has the potential to achieve a very satisfying return, but, long-term, the expense and hassle of holding gold or silver bogs down any realistic expectation of long-term growth.

It seems to me that the only obvious choice is land – the land of the earth is the ultimate source of value and wealth, and has been since the earliest times. But for ordinary people, too, ownership of land appears to be the safest investment in uncertain times. Even a very small piece of land could support a few fruit and nut trees. One English Walnut tree will provide major sustenance for a family forever. These tree crops should be supplemented with kitchen gardens of organically grown vegetables and berries. If your land has a natural source of water (and a mountain spring is more reliable than groundwater), you would be in a fair way to becoming sustainably independent. Add a solar power set-up and a good assortment of tools, and you should be able to survive nearly any upheaval.

So in the face of the natural value of land, particularly in times of trouble, the free-fall of the property market makes no sense to me at all. All I can think of is that the property markets are being deliberately manipulated so that “the smart money” can choose their moment and buy up all that land for pennies on the dollar, and then sit back while everything else collapses in value.

Here we have everyone in debt to the banks so they desperately try to sell off their land to pay their debts. The banks are already acquiring property rapidly through foreclosures; if someone were able to pay off their loan in cash, the bankers could then purchase other distressed property through the property markets. In any case, when the crash comes, do not be surprised if it is the banks, the bankers, and other custodians of “the smart money” who end up owning all the land.

Other than land, I really can't think of much else that would retain any value, with the possible exception of munitions factories, but I don't go there.

## Carbon Capture and Storage

February, 2012

Once again they have been sitting up nights thinking up new ways of being stupid. I just don't understand how the same human race which has come up with some incredible stuff over the years can yet come up with something so bewilderingly stupid as the CCS plan – Carbon Capture and Storage (or Sequestration) as an antidote to the ravages of global warming. They tell me it will cost about \$45 trillion to pay for it – I presume that tab will be covered from the U.S. government's current account surplus?

I read with growing disbelief that they are actually discussing gathering up CO<sub>2</sub>, compressing it into liquid, and burying it in huge tanks in the ground, where it will be monitored for the next 10,000 years to prevent any toxic leaks. Is this a joke? Did I miss the laugh line? Is it a satire, something like Jonathan Swift's *Modest Proposal* (to eat the surplus children of poverty as a delicacy for the rich man's table)?

And here I thought everyone knew the obvious solution to the build-up of CO<sub>2</sub> – it is to plant trees all over the earth, so that they will sequester the carbon in a natural and even useful way.

While we are planting millions of acres of trees all over the earth, to sequester carbon, to stop soil erosion, to prevent seasonal flooding and drought, to shelter the earth below so that other plants, animals, and people can live a better life under their protection, why don't we plant tree crops – food trees – so that, in addition to all of the

other benefits of the trees, we can put an end to world hunger and reverse the tide of disease that comes from eating excess meat and processed foods, laden with toxic chemical fertilizers and pesticides?

I want to plant endless plantations of fruit and nut trees – English walnuts, mangoes, avocados, cacao, apples, oranges, almonds, persimmons – yum! Even coffee trees! Hey, my information suggests that one or two cups of coffee (like one or two glasses of wine in the evening) will extend your life and improve your health; it is only in excess that it becomes a problem, exactly as is the case with alcohol, meat, salt, even sugar. While the trees are small, annual gardens of vegetables can be grown, or fiber crops such as hemp or kenaf for making paper – please: cutting down trees for pulp and paper is as barbaric as treating disease by bleeding the patient!

I don't even have to insist upon a purely vegetarian diet. I read all kinds of health information from all sources, and my conclusion is that you can pretty much eat anything, as long as it is not in excess! The American breakfast of steak and eggs with sausage and ham is too much meat (not to mention the chemicals and preservatives, but that's a separate issue). However, the Asian style of using small amounts of meat primarily as a flavoring to vegetables seems a bit less toxic to me. The large scale cultivation of animals for human consumption is a very expensive approach to human nutrition. The earth just isn't big enough to feed all the people on a diet heavy with meat. We can either cut back on the human population, or reduce the dependence on meat. A great deal can be accomplished simply by scaling back the role of meat in our diets. If there is an abundance of low cost fruits and vegetables available in the markets, then no one needs to go hungry.

What a simple and gentle solution! Stop global warming, feed the hungry, and save the world. What am I missing? Are the international bankers planning to loan us the \$45 trillion for the CCS swindle? 99% of the earth (yes, *that* 99%) is already in debt to the Company Store, so what's the difference? Like the Greeks, we will all be slaves forevermore anyway.

However, Gaea, Mother Earth, is actually Mother Goose, laying golden eggs for us all. But if we kill the Earth and try to take all of the gold at once, we will all be dead, bankers and all, because we can't eat gold, and a dead Earth will no longer support life.

*Therefore, choose Life.*

## The Problem of Europe

August, 2012

Today I read about the Problem of Europe as a question of creeping Federalism. Apparently Margret Thatcher anticipated the problem by saying that the only way the euro could work was by a form of increased Federalism, which she declared she totally rejected as unthinkable.

The economic problems of the euro are predictable enough when you try to have a single currency but multiple nations. The poverty and bankruptcy of Greece pale into insignificance when compared with the bankruptcy of the United States of America, yet the USA has one critical advantage over Greece: it can print up more dollars any time it wants (and, oh, does it want – and don't expect that thirst to be slaked any time soon), but Greece cannot print up more euros (unless no one notices as they slip some in – there's an idea).

It is easy to see the inevitability of the whole process, which has been going on for hundreds and thousands of years. Gradually, however long it takes, Europe will finally coalesce into a single entity, with a single currency. However, the same process will simply continue until, however long it takes, the whole world will finally become a single political entity, with a single government, a single currency, a single bank, and even a single language (probably English).

This may take two or three hundred years to work itself out into some sort of stable arrangement, but the world may not last that long. The biological survival of the Earth as a living organism, is a

serious and open question. As Lester Brown (*World on the Edge*) and many others have concluded, it should be possible for the human race to intervene, in time to save the Earth from dying out, but it is greatly complicated by the political chaos currently being enjoyed by the planet. Or not being enjoyed, as it may happen.

So why not simply fast-forward and get it done with right away, so that we can then proceed “at wartime speed” (Lester Brown’s wording), and with the very highest priority, to the process of reversing all of the many virulent processes killing off our world? Simple and obvious examples are the proliferation of toxic chemicals for the soil, and pharmaceutical drugs for human bodies. These must be replaced with organic processes and cycles if there is to be any hope of the survival of life on earth.

If all of Europe were united into a common land, with a single government and a single currency (but it is very hard to imagine a single language), that would probably provide significant benefits to all of Europe, including the wealthier parts which would eventually end up funding the elevation of the poorer parts. But the advantages gained would greatly outweigh these costs, which is why those wealthier nations and/or people will eventually pay the cost and unite Europe.

But all of that will only shift the argument and the problem to a larger theater: the World Stage. It is the Whole World that needs a single currency, a single bank, a single government, and a single language, not just Europe! Why do we waste our time in this way? The problem is urgent; why don’t we proceed immediately to a “Congress of the Wealthy and Powerful” to set up some protocol for advancing the argument? The sooner we accomplish those four Changes, the sooner

we can all move on to the next and supremely important item on the Agenda: the survival of life on earth.

## On Growing Old

October, 2012

I was going to say that growing old and dying are inevitable facts of life, but that is not right – dying is the inevitable fact of life, but growing old is an experience not given to everyone. I do not want to mention here by name all of those very dear friends of mine who have left the company of the living “way too soon,” but some of them have left big, empty holes in my life, and they will live on in my memory for as long as I live.

Sometimes people ask me how old I am, and I long ago considered that a more relevant question was how many years of life and health do I have left? There are plenty of people in their twenties who seem to have less vitality remaining than I have, which is not to say that they will die sooner – I am very grateful for every morning in which the Sun rises yet again, covering this glorious earth with its warmth and sunshine. It is easy to see why the Sun has been the earliest aspect of nature worshipped as God. But we do not know the day or the hour of our own death, so we stop short of any such speculation.

But in the present essay I am not so much concerned with the physical deterioration of our body – I have observed that there seems to be a corresponding waning of life spirit as we grow older, and, just like the physical deterioration of the body, this waning of the spirit seems to be more accelerated in some than in others.

What is the single most defining characteristic of Youth? It is the Quest for Novelty, to discover or learn something new. It should not be necessary for the schoolmaster to force his pupils to learn; a good teacher need do nothing more than provide the resources and guidance for his students to pursue their own quest for learning. Rudolph Steiner understood this, and it is the basis of his Waldorf Schools. This is not to say that the teacher leans back and speaks only when spoken to! There are many ways in which a clever teacher can inspire his students on their paths of discovery, by introducing ideas and concepts to them in accordance with their interests.

And what is the single most defining characteristic of Age? Well, if I say that it is the waning of that interest in novelty, it must be understood that there are many wise men and women who retain their open and inquiring minds throughout their lives. I do not assert a cause and effect relationship for growing old and losing this interest in Novelty, but it might be suggested in either direction – that growing old causes one to lose interest in Novelty, or that losing an interest in Novelty causes one to grow old. They may both be effects of some common underlying cause, but there is certainly a close relationship between them.

I have looked on with shock and sadness as some of my friends, many of whom I have known for a great many years, find themselves with their feet to the fire, hanging out with their old cronies, talking about “the good old days.” They do not want to go anywhere new, or do anything new. In some cases, of course, they do not want to go anywhere or do anything, but at least they do not want to go to a restaurant to which they have not gone before; they do not want to eat

any new foods; they do not want to meet any new people; and they most positively do not want to encounter any new idea!

This is what it means to grow old, and I do not know if it causes the deterioration of the physical body, or if it is the other way around: that the waning of physical vitality of the body causes the spirit to wither as well. Nor is it necessary for these two trends to advance at the same rate; in many cases, the trends completely diverge. Plenty of people suffer some degree of physical impairment, accident, or ill health without giving in to the deterioration of their life spirit as well, retaining an interest in life, learning new things constantly, and always open to new ideas.

All of my life I have been very strongly attracted to young people, and I have finally been able to put into words why that is. According to my understanding of metaphysics, this Quest for Novelty, the reaching Out from the Center, is one of the two aspects of God (as just one of any number of expressions which represent the same idea, Tao, for example), both of them of equal importance. The other aspect of God is the movement In towards the Center.

It is no coincidence that I have expressed the same idea before: it is the only idea there is (relating to the Second Arcanum, that is). I have also tried to emphasize, at every opportunity, the equal importance of both directions. The movement out and away from the center starts off as Novelty, Creativity, and Complexity, but, if it continues without returning to the Center, it goes off towards Error, Confusion, and Chaos.

In fact, the path of spiritual advancement is exactly this convergence back at that point of Origin, where all good things come together in Perfection, Clarity, Balance, Harmony, Peace, Joy, Health, and Love. The process towards that goal is described by the Hermetic Alchemists as the alternation between SOLVE ET COAGULA, “to separate, and to unite.” The alternation between movement outward and movement inward.

*Completum est quod dixi de Operatione Solis.*

## Money, Power, Politics, & God

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It is clear to everyone that there is something terribly wrong with our world today, but no one seems to know just exactly what the problem is, or what to do about it. The financial markets seem to be central to it all, and, in fact, it boils down to Money as the root and center of the problem, which will come as a big surprise to everyone.

Historically, the history of civilization has mainly been a non-stop game of King of the Mountain, based on the simple principle that superior force will win the point. That game is still going on, and it isn't going to go away any time soon, but there is an aspect of Power that has become more and more important lately. The consequences of physical war at today's level of capability of destruction would mean the end of life on earth, or at least the end of human life. There may be breeds of insects that will be able to adapt and survive, but the human race is finished, about the time that the planet is totally worn out, anyway. No, in today's world, Money is the dominant expression of Power, and it is intimately connected to all other problems; it just depends upon the point of view.

When you understand the meanings of the Colors of the Aura, you will begin to see them easily (*vide*: [Tetragrammaton](#) and [The Colors of the Aura](#)). On this scale, the Planet Earth, *Gaea*, is struggling at the limits of survival, way down at the Reds and Violets. Only Black is lower down, as the absence of all life.

I think there may have been a time, perhaps not much more than 500 years ago, when the Earth was a green and healthy planet, very much a going concern, glowing bright Yellow and Green, with some very bright flashes of White Light. And now look at it! It is barely alive at all, and struggling on a daily basis for survival. There are plenty of human beings who have been there, let alone planets.

It is true that the Modern Age has seen some incredible developments: the whole Computer and Internet Age has sprung up from nowhere, establishing a very certain line in the history of the evolution of the human race. Yet, at the same time, the biological side of the picture has been bleak to unsustainable. The Earth is dying; and this is a problem the human race will just have to solve, because if the planet no longer supports life, nothing else is worth very much.

But, even though observers like Lester Brown ([\*World on the Edge\*](#)) try to demonstrate practical ways in which the ravages of this decline might be abated, it almost seems to have been given up as a lost cause, and everyone simply grabs what they can as they prepare to jump ship. But it is like the sinking of the Titanic, where there really wasn't anywhere the passengers could safely go, so they all died.

This biological problem with the planet is not the only threat to the survival of the human race: at the same time there is monumental confusion about the role of money and banking, and the world is embroiled in endless political skirmishes as people struggle for survival or dominance in one place or another. All three of these problems come together, and they have to be solved all at once and together, and from the beginning, *ex cathedra*.

The solution to Political chaos is perfectly obvious: of course there must be one world government, that goes without saying. Visionaries like Teilhard de Chardin, Bertrand Russell, and Einstein have known it all the time. It is obvious and inescapable.

But it is the Money problem that I want to address directly here. “Money” is a universal abstraction, like Time, and Power. You cannot say, “We have agreed not to observe Time anymore; for us, time no longer exists.” Nor can you say, “We have all agreed not to observe Power anymore, and we have all turned in our guns.” Neither can you do away with the concept of Money. You cannot reject Money without rejecting Mathematics, which, as everyone knows these days, is the basis of the Origin of the Cosmos, or God (Pythagorean school).

It was simple enough to figure out the solution to the problem of Power: there must be a single, one world government. But the solution to the enigmas of Money are far more complex, and many attempts have been made to explain how it all works.

But, since we decide to begin at the top, *ex cathedra*, the present historical chaos of financial entanglements is all wrong in so many ways! Most people have begun to realize by now that the entire “banking industry” is a fraud, designed to perpetuate the wealth of the owners above everyone else. There is no reason why “money” has to imply any debt to anyone, certainly not the banks, which are the beneficiaries of the whole program. So, of course, we must start with a *tabula rasa*, so that we might be uncluttered with historical baggage. The first conclusion is that there must only be one Currency. That’s not an exclusive demand: no other money! The point is that there must be One final medium of Exchange, against which

anything else may be measured (the annual tax on property, for example). This Original Central Bank will be in the care of a very carefully selected Trustee. My own idea is to entrust the responsibility of selection to a Seminary of students drawn from all over the world at an early age to form a School of International Studies, which would self-select one of themselves to represent them as the Trustee. But other selection methods might be suggested.

Since Money is a universal abstraction, an examination into the workings of financial transactions will provide a very complete picture of all energy in the system. The Human Race, and all of *Gaea*, is currently enjoying the historical inheritance of Money/Power, playing itself out on the stage of the world. A jungle of private banks and corporations is like a jungle of sovereign states, or a jungle of wild animals, or a jungle of hungry men. There must be One World, *Gaea*; One Currency of Exchange; and One Primary Bank, under the direction of a Trustee of the World who has been very carefully chosen.

The operation of money becomes very simple: the Trustee of the World would maintain a Currency for the settlement of transactions; and they would set rates of exchange at their discretion. The One Bank would create the Currency at will, and regulate its growth and supply by a tax on property, whenever the money supply exceeded levels determined to be optimum. The Trustee would be the Director of this Bank.

Since the World Bank would have unlimited funds, it would simply spend the money in ways that would seem to maximize the effectiveness or necessity of what it needs to do. For example, my idea of providing free farms where anyone can go and simply eat and sleep

for free, could be maintained at no cost whatsoever: to a very large extent, the State will want to put plenty of Money out into the world, and this is an excellent way to do it! Of course, spending money to feed hungry people, or building hospitals and schools and roads, will always be useful. Now, all action decisions are based on the profit motive, which is a very big mistake. At the level of global survival, it is an entirely unacceptable process. Yes, a gradual increase of the supply of money can go on forever, but when it exceeds its optimal expansion, it is possible to reel it back in through a universal property tax. (No other taxes would need to be applied, other than a “resource depletion tax” which would be levied specifically to regulate consumption, not to raise funds.)

I think that the important place to begin is to assemble a Seminary of Candidates, carefully selected from all over the world, for expressions of potential excellence. I would like to find a benefactor who would cover the expenses of founding such an institution. An International School of International Studies, in which every candidate is accepted at full scholarship for life, would certainly create a very powerful ferment.

This is an Alchemical Vessel, and the ferment that would result could very well be considerable and could produce the energies required for the accomplishment of the Great Work of Alchemy, and an Incarnation of God on Earth, Who will own the Bank, and spend the Money.

Finally, whence comes the final authority for this Trustee? Of course, it can only come from God. There seem to be very few people

left on our planet, as it is worn down to a sorry frazzle, who know how to get strength from God anymore.

I am presupposing that the final selection of the Seminary of the World as Trustee will not only produce someone who will be extremely competent and will fulfill the expectations people will have, but who will also become the channel for a very huge jolt of energy, which will seem to be a manifestation of God, *Theophany*. Actually, the energy behind this is God, and this is a deliberate exercise of classical magic.

The world needs a new Avatar. None of the others have really satisfied all requirements, although some of them have enjoyed an extended vogue, at times. The concept of the Divine Right of Kings comes from the obvious idea that the power of a King can only come from God. There is no other way this can work.

All we have to do is set it in motion by selecting a Seminary of Candidates for Trustee of the World. The school itself will set up its own energy and momentum, and participate in the unfolding of the infinite cosmos.

When the Trustee has been selected, it will be up to Him or Her to achieve the recognition and acceptance required to ride to a position of closure, when everything is settled to the point where the Trustee is regarded more and more widely as the central authority and final bank for the settlement of transactions worldwide. Money means Credit, and the intention is to settle that in one place, to establish a solid base upon which the foundations for the future evolutions of the human race can be established.

The Interum of Transition may provide unimaginable obstacles. But if it succeeds, then World Peace would be achieved, and a new Golden Age will follow.

## The Colors of the Aura

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When you add the Colors of the Aura to the patterns of energy described by the trigrams of the *I Ching*, the planets of Astrology, and the metals of Alchemy, it is easy to see anything in terms of its life energy just by considering the visual impact represented by the color of its aura. When Life is broken down into its elements, there is Chaos and Death at the bottom, then Aggression and Failure, War and Peace, the Giving and Receiving of Love, and, at the top, the Point of Perfection, Love, and Bliss: Union with God.

There are eight patterns of energy in this cycle of life, and each one can be easily understood by means of its color: Black is the color of death and chaos; Red is aggression and anger; Violet is rejection and defeat; Orange is war; Blue is peace; Yellow is giving love; green is receiving love; and White is union with God.

The color of the aura reflects the spiritual evolution of the energy form. These auras are not only visible in people, but plants and animals, and even planets, may be seen with their auras clearly displayed. There is a simple and obvious hierarchy of spiritual evolution, from the violence and anger of the lower levels, to the higher and much healthier expressions of life energies reaching upwards to love and union. In an earlier article ([\*The Metaphysics of Sex\*](#)), these same patterns of energy were viewed within the context of sexual expression.

At the end of life, back to the original chaos, there is the color Black. Then there are the edges of life and death: Red, the color of aggression, anger, and violence, and Violet, the color of rejection and failure. Above this there the energies represented by the colors Orange and Blue: war and peace. From here, the ranks thin out considerably, as so much of the world, its animals, its plants, and its people, seem to be living their lives in the realms of the lower energies, represented by the darker colors of their aura. Planet Earth, Gaea, is dying, twisting and turning in the sordid colors of Red, aggression, anger, and violence, and the Violet of rejection and defeat, always edged with Black, and within all of this turmoil on the face of the planet, most of the plants, animals, and people living on the earth seem to be affected by that powerful vortex of negative energy, and so they are caught up in the same energies and colors.

In fact, a considerable amount of energy has to be expended in order to get some upward traction in spiritual evolution, in the face of a dying planet that no longer supports life. There have been many efforts to turn this around, first on a personal level, and then on a planetary level, but the heavy weight of inertia makes it hard to break free.

So it is perfectly clear: if we want our world to survive, and to grow into a healthier world for us to live in, it is essential for all animals, plants, and people to elevate the horizons of their spiritual growth, so that, as Gaea, we can continue to survive.

Voltaire figured out long ago that we should all go out and work in the garden: that is the solution to all of the problems of the world. All systems of life must follow the natural process, from organic composting, mulch, and earth worms, to a complete avoidance of

chemical fertilizers for the fields, and pharmaceutical drugs for people and animals. These drugs are all of a piece, and they are killing off the bees, and soon the genetically modified soybean and corn, along with copious amounts of glyphosate Round-Up, will kill off the rest of us. It is already happening: the growing prevalence of cancer is just one of the visible effects of living in a world environment which is becoming more and more hostile to life.

So, let us go out and work in the garden, and, with enough sunshine and rain, there will be plenty of green once again on the earth. All of our wounds have to heal, and we must all together try to ascend to a healthier state of life, and try to nurture our planet and ourselves back to health.

## Priests and Pedophiles

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Now it is March of 2013, and the Pope has resigned, and Francis has been elected Pope of the Catholic Church. While I have not yet noticed that anyone has made a direct connection between the resignation of the Pope and the pedophile priest problem which has overwhelmed the once-proud Catholic Church, it appears fairly evident that it is a case of a CEO taking the fall when some serious impropriety happens under his watch.

It is almost hard to imagine the Church soldiering on, in the face of such astonishing stories, not just astonishing in themselves, but because there are so many of them. Along the way, blame is attached to senior bishops and cardinals who seemed to have known about the problem without taking any significant steps. So, finally, the Pope has resigned, effectively admitting that his own negligence had been at fault in the matter: the Pope is the one who is responsible for the Church.

But, is the resignation of the Pope enough to salvage the Catholic Church from terminal opprobrium? Trying to reconcile this very large religious body, which pretends to offer ministry and services in the name of Jesus Christ (who famously loved children too, of course), with such an extensive history of pedophile priests seems to be impossible. What can it all mean, and what kind of lessons can we, as a human race, learn from this experience?

Are all these priests, for example, simply wolves in priest's clothing, pretending to be walking with God, while they are secretly only interested in advancing the fulfillment of their own lusts? I do not think that that is a useful way to look at what has been going on. If there were only a few isolated incidents, we might take the view that those "priests" involved were simply vicious criminals fraudulently hiding under their clerical collars. But the reported incidents are just too widespread and numerous, and found in every corner of the world; to imagine that all of these persons are just monsters in league with the Devil seems to me to be an inadequate interpretation. I want to look further and deeper to discover what has really been going on.

In the first place, there is the question of celibacy, which is central to the whole issue. Celibacy is clear and obvious, and even almost essential in a religious context. In other words, a person who is celibate will operate from a state which is unlike the normal experience of people who interact with each other. Even when interactions between people are not specifically sexual, there is the same underlying dynamic going on.

To a very large extent, there is a whirlwind of energy which carries the massive energy flow of the human race, as it continues its evolutionary unfolding into its infinite and unknown future. All of life, all human beings, even all plants and animals on this earth, are caught up in this massive energy flow. All of the infinite comedy of the human race unfolds from the unwinding of this endless cord. But a priest, who is not connected to the energy stream sexually, is alone, and must make his peace with God, or else be thrown off in any direction out into error, madness, chaos, and finally death.

Certainly priests who have had sexual contacts with children are committing the very error for which the state of celibacy is so important. But it remains for me a meaningless question to ask if the Catholic Church should end the celibate priesthood. The state of celibacy does exist (though rarely); a person who is not celibate is missing the whole point of what it means to be a “priest.” We might say that “priest” means “someone who is celibate, and does not participate in sexual interaction.” The wise woman, witch, or magician was likewise always a solitary practitioner; it’s part of the job description. Magicians and Priests share an important core similarity. That solitary point of view, so that you can only find balance in your life by remaining very close to God, is the essence of the priest. A magician is very similar, only he pursues the objectives of his own will, rather than attempting to participate in the furtherance of the will of God. This is the arrogance of Satan, who wishes to take the place of God, described by John Milton in his famous epic poem, *Paradise Lost*.

Historically, the Magician who tries to implement his own agenda, apart from the will of God, will always, sooner or later, fall off the cliff into error and madness. *The Lord of the Rings* was a great story, philosophically, in which it was understood that the only way to resolve the problem created by the *Ring of Power* was to destroy it! I found the movie to be an excellent portrayal of the story, but I regretted that cinematic necessity required the foreshortening of the role of Saruman. Saruman was originally the head of the order of wizards to which Gandalf belonged, but acquisition of greater and greater knowledge and power eventually led to his corruption and downfall; all of this was overlooked in the movie, and Saruman was reduced to the status of a simple villain. Insofar as a Magician deviates from the will of God, he falls into error and will sooner or later be destroyed. (Words may be

variously defined, but most understandings of a “magician” or “wizard” do not automatically imply opposition to the will of God; in most cases, the wizard acquires his influence and power from his greater understanding of the complex energy fields determining the flow of events on earth.)

A “priest” who were not celibate, would be no different from a friendly neighbor; he would not be a Priest, one of the Hands of God on earth.

So I continue searching further to discover meaning in these events. One lesson which is clear is that it is not at all easy to live a life of celibacy! It is not for everyone, and no one should attempt to follow that path who is not prepared for what it means. Sex is a kind of biological necessity for most of the human race; the only way for the celibate man (or woman) to retain his balance is to stand with God; if he stands in opposition to God, he will sooner or later fall apart into madness and chaos. The celibate man has no sex with man or woman, boy or girl (or his dog or his goat), but he has “sex” with God alone. (“How do you have sex with God,” the child asks, in confusion. — well, try yoga, for example.)

I find the intercourse of human relationships to be a much more simple matter than most people seem to understand, and I have sorted the matter out into a correspondence with the eight patterns of the primary trigrams of the I Ching (as well as the planets and metals of astrology and alchemy, and the colors of the aura). (*vide: Patterns of Illusion and Change*, [www.tree.org/patterns2.htm](http://www.tree.org/patterns2.htm)). Every person has an aura color in accordance with the energy patterns they express: the Red and Violet are the colors of aggression and oppression. Orange and Blue

are fire and water, war and peace. Gold and Green are giving and receiving love. White is the full state of love and union; and Black is the state of solitude or death.

So I can understand the state of Solitude, Black, as being very close to God, identical in one essential aspect with the opposite point at the union of love, which is also identical with God. (Perfect Union and complete Solitude are really the same thing, only on different levels.)

I search for the root of this problem with pedophile priests, and I find that the source of the problem is not that there is too much sex going on; the problem is that there is not enough (love)! There isn't nearly enough love in the world. Of course I understand that only a very tiny minority of "sex" has anything to do with love. I believe that love is very good, and absolutely essential for a healthy life; and children need love most of all. When sex is an expression of love, then it is Good. There are far too many people living without the support of love. From the state the world is in, I think that there are very few people truly enjoying the state of love. This is the root of a very serious problem which must be addressed if there is to be any hope at all for the survival of life on earth. (By the way, I should clarify that when I say "everyone needs love," I do not mean everyone needs to receive love, although that is also true; what I mean is that everyone has to discover the liberation and joy of giving love.)

Now I imagine that every person's energy field can be understood by analogy with the colors of the aura. Some people's lives are smoldering down among the Red, Violet, and Black aura colors, just barely alive, perhaps on the way out; other people are struggling between war and peace: Orange and Blue, all their lives long; but others

are giving and receiving love: Yellow and Green; and others (very few, and, for the most part, it is very rare and sporadic) are at the peak of love itself, radiating a White light and a powerful and loving energy field. You can easily interpret a person's level of spiritual growth from looking at their aura. The "fully self-realized yogi" (there are many names for this state: Nirvana, Samadhi. etc.) may be recognized as an avatar of God.

It is not "sex" which is bad; it is the confusions and problems which develop from the lower levels of sexual expression, due to ignorance and unresolved karma, which are the cause of troublesome consequences. If everyone were taught this simple sex-by-color dial, they could make all of their sexual intentions very clear, so there should be no problem. (– or, fewer problems: it is hard to rejoice when our love is not returned, but, at least if all of the energies are clear, then there will be fewer misunderstandings about the intentions of the relationships, and the overall sex-economic energy flow will be much less impeded by problematic frustration and stasis.)

I think everyone should learn the joy of loving other people. I want to suggest that everyone should think, not just of finding one other person to love, but one of each gender! If everyone had a "best friend" of their own gender as well as a partner of the opposite gender, that is twice as much available love going on as before. I have never considered homosexual love to be an alternative sexual arrangement, but an additional experience, presenting its own additional opportunities for loving expression. It is very much too bad that many people used to believe that a total social break had to be made in order to realize the desire for close contact with one's own gender. Fortunately, I see a

growing trend away from this absurdly limiting concept towards an awareness of far more open and inclusive possibilities of loving contacts.

I even think it would be interesting for people to live in various triangular arrangements, more or less stable, as alternative domestic relationships, because of the greatly increased social dynamic involved. I have been interested in these ideas all of my life, but it seems to be very rare, and it is certainly a different topic. The Number Three is the number of Magic, and is the basis for a whole explosion of possibilities; I have written articles along these lines, most of them unpublished or obscurely published.

I think children should be encouraged to form close friendships with their chosen friends. One of the single most damaging problems affecting the evolution of the human race is that little boys (especially) are made to discover that fighting is natural and good, but love is completely forbidden. The little boy who comes home all bloody from a fight will make his father glad and proud as long as the other boy fared at least as badly. But what might happen should our schoolboy discover that he loves one of his male friends, and brings him home to meet his family? The short answer is that the little boy will very quickly learn a very important social lesson, and he will never again make the same mistake! Or, if he does continue to feel a fondness for his male friends, he will certainly hide it and deny it, with all of the karmic burden that all of that entails.

Everyone needs love, and children need love especially! I have always been attracted to children, but it is the ones who need love that especially arouse my interest. As a child, I never bonded with my mother. I grew up very much alone, socially. I needed love when I was

young, but there was nowhere I could find it. I felt a huge, unfulfilled need. Now, when I see other children with that same need, my heart goes out to them. I wonder if pedophile priests feel the same way I do? Perhaps, in the course of their daily experience, they come across children who are neglected, or otherwise in need of some loving attention. A priest who is close to God will be very sensitive to children who are in need of love. We are all in need of love, but, by the time we are adult, most of us have learned how to cope with life according to the cards that are dealt out to us. Children, on the other hand, should not be left to flail about alone, without some guidance and love! Perhaps priests are loving children because there are so many children in need of love.

But that isn't the story we are hearing – we hear only of “abuse.” Because of the supercharged sexual climate in which we are living (because there isn't enough loving sex going around), it is no longer possible for adults to have any friendly relations at all with children. This means that every kind of close contact will only cause problems, and recoil badly upon both child and man. (By the way, why is it that when women love children it is considered natural and good, yet when a man loves children, the only interpretation anyone can imagine is that the man is a predatory monster? Is it really so out of character for men to love children? I think, in many cases, people only see the world through their own lenses.)

As for the Catholic church, I think they should allow a “non-celibate clergy,” because of all the problems associated with attempted celibacy (and because it has become increasingly difficult to find persons willing to enter the priesthood), but they should also set up a new monastic order devoted to that celibacy which seeks union with God, so

that there will remain some sort of structure maintaining a celibate priesthood, an essential institution for any truly religious order. Simply stated, you can't have a "religion" without celibate priests.

But, somehow, children have to find a way to experience and share love, if there is to be any hope for the future of life on earth. I think they should expect to receive it first of all from their parents, and then from a gradually widening circle of friends, mostly close to their own age at first, and probably starting with their own gender, but expanding to include the other gender as soon as their interest inclines them in that direction. Later on there is no reason why they shouldn't develop close and loving friendships with older people too (of either gender) and adults. It is well known, for example, that "pedagogical love," in which teacher and student love each other, promotes a dramatically accelerated acquisition of knowledge; this has been demonstrated over and over, and by now enjoys the status of an incontestable truth. (Since I am not attempting to publish in the "scholarly quarterlies," I do not take the trouble to prepare footnotes, but I am sure anyone could easily do so, and I do not expect my conclusions to be refuted or even challenged.)

Anyone who doesn't have a regular sexual partner is at risk of finding a "socially unacceptable solution" to the biological necessity of sexual relationship. Therefore, the obvious solution is to pair them up! Sometimes I think that the Reverend Sun Myung Moon wasn't so far off in many of his ideas. I believe in World Unification, and I think pairing up more people into sexual partners is a good idea. I definitely go beyond, though: I really want to explore the idea that everyone "should" have a partner of each gender, or at least be open to that possibility. Or, sometimes a person may have two or more close and lasting

domestic partners, of the same or different genders – I think that in the infinite variation of human expression, any solution which suits the participants should be considered socially acceptable. Whatever promotes more loving contacts between people is all good. It is the infinite variety of human experience which creates the potential for so many different solutions for resolving sexual and relationship issues. Perhaps, if more children were allowed to grow up in a “sex-positive” environment, they would grow and develop with more normal needs and desires, and there would be much less need for some of the more surprising variations of sexual expression. Oscar Wilde’s famous epigram is actually very profound: *The only way to get rid of a temptation is to yield to it.* Yielding to a desire is far better than repressing it – in most cases, unusual desires will be abandoned after some experimentation, yet repressed desires will go on working their toxic effects for the lifetime of the individual involved, until and unless unraveled through psychiatric therapy.

So, do I think all of these priests are innocent of the charges leveled against them? Of course I have no knowledge of any specific circumstances, but there are two ideas which could make some of these incidents more understandable and less problematic: in the first place, the criminal justice system automatically defines any close, loving contact between adults and children as abusive: “the perpetrator assaults the victim.” This language hijacks the actual events and does not allow for any other considerations or interpretations of the events. The second idea is that any child who has had any contact with a priest understands (or his family and friends will understand for him) that it is a very easy matter to jump onto the gravy train and reap settlements sometimes running into millions of dollars simply by lodging a complaint. This alone is quite enough to color any person’s memory of

a childhood contact. We add the confusion with which most children react to these contacts: they have no way of understanding these contacts apart from the prevailing context with which all of modern society immediately views them.

Finally, I would like to contribute two representatives from the countervailing literature of pedophilia, both from Holland, where, until recently with the unrelenting homogenization of social attitudes internationally, sexual contact between adults and children was not necessarily considered a serious problem, in the absence of any complaint.

The first case is the formal research study conducted in Holland by Theo Sandfort, published as *Sexual Aspects of Pedophile Relations*. The study was deliberately limited to relationships between adults and children (men and boys, in this study) which were not demonstrably abusive, in which the children were willing participants, and the friendships were not one-off contacts but ongoing relationships. The study covered about thirty such relationships, and both men and boys were extensively interviewed over a period of time. The study came up with entirely neutral results – no problems were found with any of the relationships; in some cases positive social benefits were seen, but these results were not considered statistically relevant, so no conclusions were drawn.

It is essential to understand that the reason why no problems were found was that the social environment in which these men and boys lived was fairly neutral about their affairs. When any similar relationships are discovered in almost any other country (or even contemporary Holland, whose famous tolerance has been eroded by the

inexorable effects of unrelenting world-wide condemnation of any contacts between adults and children) the police are called in to intervene and the child is subjected to such a literally mind-altering experience of hysterical reaction, that the poor child, having no other alternative view ever expressed in his presence, can only conclude that he has somehow participated in some very horrible activity, for which he will be forever condemned. And if – horror compounded upon horror – the child actually enjoyed the contacts, his stinking corruption and essentially vile and worthless nature is even more blatantly etched forever in stone in his own mind as well as that of his family and friends. Again, without footnotes, I believe it has been abundantly proven that the negative consequences of criminal prosecution vastly outweigh the negative consequences, if any, of the original experiences (we are only considering consensual and loving experiences here; violent rape or any other expressions of the Red/Violet of aggression against a helpless or weaker victim are an entirely different matter, not at all the subject of the present essay, and only mentioned for contrast and clarification). In other words, the prevailing social attitudes are by far the most important determinant of how the contacts will be experienced by the persons involved, or anyone else.

The next experience I want to mention is an experimental program which was conducted in Holland many years ago. I do not have access to my original sources, but I believe I found the discussion in the book *Loving Boys*, by Dr. Edward Brongersma, who was elected to the Dutch Senate in spite of his earlier history of contact with boys. The experimental program consisted of an alternative treatment for youthful offenders (boys) – they were offered a choice of traditional incarceration in juvenile detention facilities, or placement with an adult male pedophile, who would give them love! The results were not at all

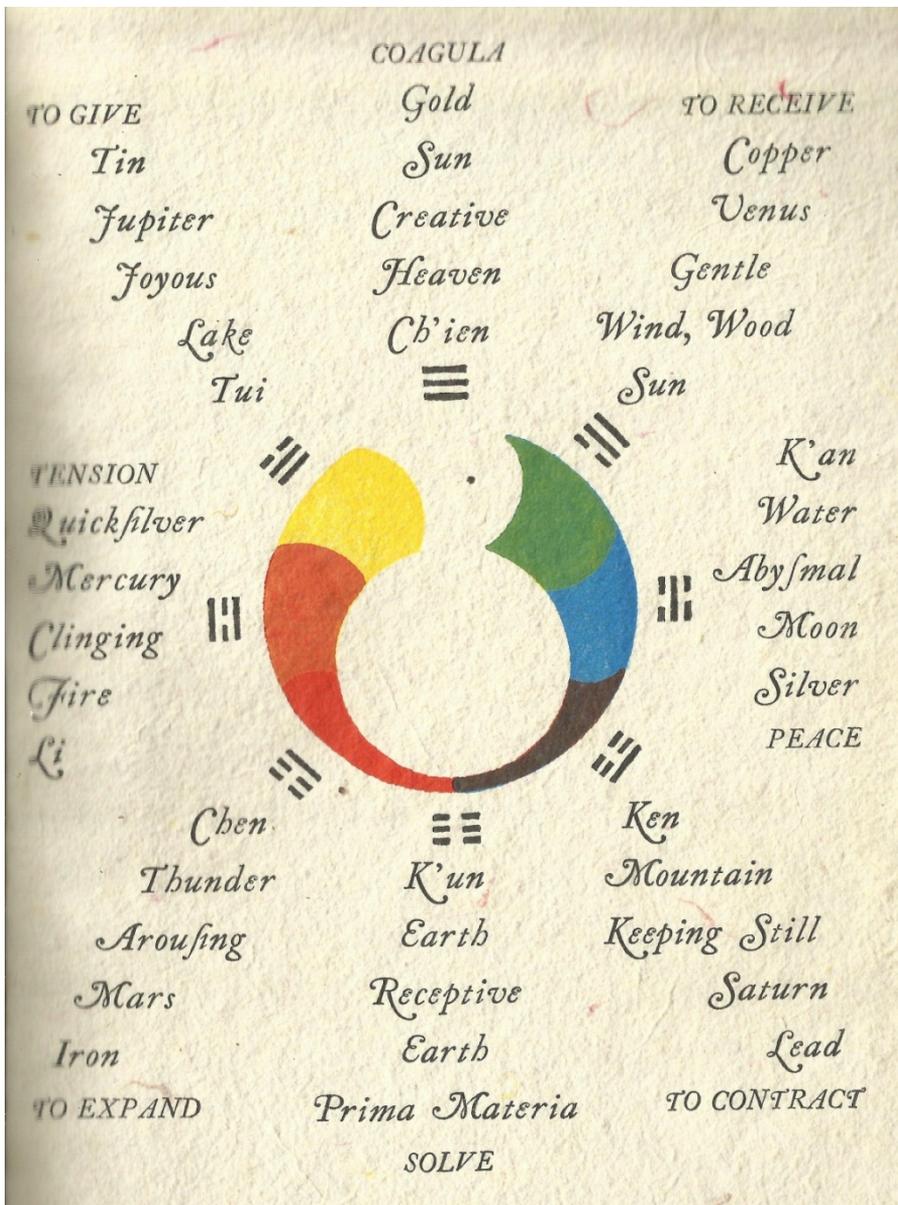
surprising to me: in almost every case, the boys so placed easily evolved their patterns of behavior away from anti-social activities (fraud, theft, drug abuse, violent crime, etc.) and became happy, well-adjusted members of society, not even becoming gay, unless they were inclined that way to begin with; their sexual orientation was not affected by their experience. In contrast with these results, boys placed in juvenile detention showed a dramatically worse prognosis: they were set onto a path leading to their becoming hardened criminals and repeat offenders. However, even though the results of this brief experiment in social therapy were overwhelmingly positive, the program was cancelled, as it was just considered far too radical even for the tolerant Dutch to accept.

In earlier times, men loving boys was a very common experience: teacher/student, master/apprentice, knight/squire, etc. (going back at least to Ancient Greece, where a young man who didn't have an older male lover was at a distinct social disadvantage – the men who loved these boys, by the way, usually had normal relationships with wife and family in addition to their beloved boy companion and friend). In most cases, such alliances were looked on as advantageous for the boy, who enjoyed many benefits from the affection of his older friend; the man involved was often laughed at as “throwing away his love on a boy,” but there was rarely any serious opposition; it was just another way in which the infinite workings of the human experience found to work out the sexual karma of the participants. (*vide, e.g., The Autobiography of Benvenuto Cellini*, a most remarkable book in many ways, in which boy-love was casually referred to as a relatively common experience: the apprentice who enjoyed the Master's love enjoyed special privileges and benefits; both man and boy were frequently envied for their happy affair or laughed at for their folly, but never condemned, unless there were additional problematic circumstances.)

The present day hysterical “witch-hunt” against adults who love children (again, not to be confused with a violent or aggressive Red on Purple attack against a helpless victim) is symptomatic of a sick society, most of which is itself mired in the relentless and ugly aggression and violence which is dragging our world down towards the end of life on this once-fair planet.

One problem, as I see it, is that persons who live their lives at any level of social expression, represented by the color of their aura, can only understand energies at their own level or below; they have no knowledge or understanding of the higher levels at all! That is, people whose lives are an endless round of violence and aggression believe that that is the nature of the dog-eat-dog world, and if “one is born every minute, every five minutes one is born to take them.” The idea that there might be something better or higher totally escapes them.

As I consider the surprising revelations concerning so many thousands of priests, I just do not think that writing them all off as scoundrels and villains contributes much at all to an understanding of the problem. The problem, as I see it, is that so much of the world is experiencing the end-of-life decline into death represented by the Red and Violet aura colors, which usually ends up at Black (death), unless there is a sudden and dramatic turn-around of the collective energies of the planet.



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