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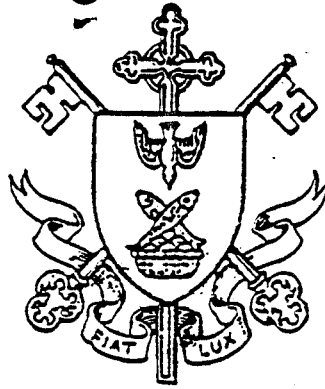
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THE ANCIENT PATRIARCHS AND THEIR TEACHINGS

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There is now plenty of evidence to prove that civilisations existed on this planet long before the one we have now. Therefore it is in error to believe that our modern technologies are the end product of a mere five to six thousand years of evolution. When we study the lives of the ancient Sumerians and Egyptians we discover that they had quite admirable systems of government and law. They taught many subjects in their schools that must have taken centuries of research. We believe this knowledge was carried over from people who, previously, had suffered from some kind of global disaster and were finding, again, their former techniques of civilisation.

Civilisation lies in one's ability to live harmoniously with one's fellows and not in super technical achievements which now have become a burden inasmuch as we live under a threat of nuclear war. Also, in spite of the peoples of the western hemisphere living according to certain religious principles, we have an increase in crime, broken marriages and homes, and a growing populace of mental cases.

Patient research into the lives of the ancient, and so-called mythical, "Pre-flood" Patriarchs has led to the discovery that these people achieved a very high degree of harmonious conditions within their lives, personal and social. We find that this was due to the kind of philosophies by which they lived. Their success lay in their ability to live by such laws that approximated the true and natural laws existing in the Cosmos. They knew that according to the measure one's life was lived in agreement with the inherent nature of the Universal Intelligence, the more harmonious and healthy their experiences would be. This is genuine scientific living. They also knew that the external world in which they lived was but the reflected image of their own thoughts and actions, and the more these were motivated by beauty and love so would their world of experience be.

These thoughts give the reader some idea of what life was like in the past, fabled, age of "the gods" - from where many legends, recorded on old tablets, have come down to us in what could be described as "religious" records. Ancient myths, the world over, contain stories of a wonderful "golden age", a "Garden of Eden", in which mankind dwelt - wherein he was free from want, from sickness, and war. All this is still possible, we find, if one's philosophy for living is free from the ideas of evil.

The main content of the modern religions in our world today is based on a recognition of suffering, frustration and war and this is mainly due to man's inability to find the correct answers to his problems. In the main, the answers that he frequently comes up with tend to perpetuate, and make more prolific, the ills, because he feeds them rather than trying to discover a way to eliminate them.

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In our search for truth we find that whatever we believe, and whatever our opinions and suppositions are, our world will reflect that kind of environment back to us. This means that everything in the external sense of our existence is nothing more than the concrete evidence of our own thoughts, and that the only real substance of all manifested life is in that Source from whence stems our actual being.

Through an entirely different approach to life, a changed philosophy for living, we can come to experience new technologies. If the way of life that we live was more in line with the true nature of the universe, our technologies would bring us harmony and peace, instead of their reaching a point wherein the danger lurks threatening subsequent extinction.

The patriarchs of old used their sciences wisely and did not exploit them to gain worldly wealth or political domination. Even as late as the Eclectic Schools in Greece, it was regarded as an error even to use mathematics for commercial purposes or any other science for self-gain. Now we have that low-bred attitude of "in-fighting" for recognition in the various disciplines, and the exploitation of the arts and sciences breeds economical troubles and political mistrust. Mis-used natural energies and forces lead, inevitably, to a breakdown in human relationships, and eventually, of moral and law-abiding tendencies.

The gradual breakdown of human relationships, which can be seen in the growth of divorces, separations, lack of morals and disrespect for the law, brings in its wake an increase in new social diseases, mental and physical. As we are nearing many changes within the earth's physical structure, the people perpetuating these things will be less resistant to future conditions which might

arise in the way of a higher radiation from the sun and from the experimentation with nuclear energy. Unpleasant mutations within the human specie could arise which might allow some with unpleasant personalities to take the lead as the dominant kind. Scientists have noticed that there has been an increase of 0.4% in solar output since 1976.

The cause of most of the ills of the present day stem from, as already mentioned, the religious teachings and other philosophies believing in a need to suffer to evolve, and that suffering is part of man's lot. Freedom from suffering has not been helped by the formation of dogmas and doctrines based upon the whole idea of suffering as a punishment for wrong-doing, and of a God who allows His own Son to transfer this suffering to Himself as an attempt to make men free. Such happenings that have occurred since these teachings were introduced to the western world have been most disastrous and have landed us all in the unpleasant conditions we are experiencing at this time. Of late, we have had many new revelations of truth regarding the Universe and man. Because the discoverers of these truths found themselves at loggerheads with the large organised bodies, their findings are rejected and the religion known as Christianity refuses to grow up. Because organised Christianity, together with Judaism and Islam, has become so crystallised in its beliefs, it refuses to investigate, intelligently, any new light on Truth, it must, finally, fade away and give place to the new.

Can mankind look forward to the kind of changes mentioned, and can we come to know a world free from suffering and war? Yes, we can; but it will not come about by the intervention of an Avatar or World Saviour; these are part of the myth; but by a completely new philosophy

or religion implemented by enlightened people, who will make it their responsibility to re-educate people according to natural and cosmic laws. What is more - this is not an entirely new teaching or doctrine but a re-introduction of the truths belonging to the ancient patriarchs who lived and experienced the kind of lives that now have become but a dream of the distant future. Mankind could have a "Kingdom of Heaven" on this planet in one generation if he would willingly exercise the laws which bring into being new worlds and free people. These laws his own key to bringing a new world of experiences into existence. It is but his failure to pursue honestly the teachings of the ancient "prophets" why he suffers by his own hands. Man's religions fail to bring real truths to bear because those that organise these institutions formulate dogmas which bring blindness to realities in themselves and their followers.

The early teachers of God's Truth were not afraid of a Hans Kung or a Father Edward Schillebeeck, for they fully understood that Truth and Reality are to be experienced and are not simply a dogma. Those versed in life's mysteries fully understand man's need for an intelligent enquiry and proof of his beliefs. A religion devoid of love becomes an empty shell and is of little help to its thousands of members desperately seeking to find answers to the questions of the day. If a religion is supposedly teaching God's Truth - why are its members left guessing?

This century presents problems that have never arisen before and "God's Church" is found wanting in its answers. To be still fully convinced that God has chosen a specific organisation, or group, for His own dispensation of knowledge,

relating to Himself, is to be a long way out of step and shows a complete misunderstanding of the wisdom and nature of God.

An organised religion is merely a channel, or system, devised by men for men and to succeed fully in enlightening its members, it needs to be "all things to all men" - to lead them gently into the Light of Truth rather than to take an attitude of "this is how we see it and this is how it must be". I quote here from a researcher who was persecuted for his writings - Gerald Massey. In one of his privately printed works he says, "There is no origin of evil in the moral domain that is not derivable from ignorance." "The wickedness of a soul," says Hermes, "is its ignorance" and "there is no devil in the moral domain except the devilish determination to DO wrong or PERMIT the wrong to be done, after we have evolved the consciousness that recognises the right!" All that I can add to this statement is that it can be only the truly enlightened person that knows the Right that is to be done!

Whilst a man is still immersed in his own search for this Light and erects a system for others to follow, he cannot, in all honesty, lay down hard and fast rules for others to follow because he, within himself, is not fully awake and free from his own shortcomings. As I have said - Religion is a man-made system supposedly brought into being to help man to understand the Truth. Yet, in essence because man is in ignorance, he, inadvertently, builds in to this system the means whereby he still remains blind to the Truth he seeks. The true initiate, of old, provided a system of allegory and cryptic codes whereby only those who were sincere and pure in their approach could receive the interpretations of these allegories.

The truth still stands that if one's approach is not pure and honest, by sheer cosmic law, he cannot see or understand the deeper truths of life.

Usually, orthodox religion preaches that which it considers to be the "good and beautiful and the true" and calls its opposite "evil". This sets up a conflict in the minds of the believers and hence suffering follows. The truth is that "evil" is a man-made theory and organised religion can survive only as long as people are under the illusion that they have to be saved from this "evil". Divine understanding, born out of a pure mind, knows the real nature of this "evil" and so remains free from all false knowledge.

The seeming "opposite" forces in creation are merely the masculine and feminine qualities blending with each other to maintain a constant flow of activity, or manifestation, on many planes of Divine Self-experience. Since that which emanates all manifested life is, at root, deathless, indestructable, permanently whole and therefore indivisible, it follows that there can be no other force or power in opposition to It for Its continual process of operation. Our true forefathers knew these sacred mysteries and that is why they concealed their knowledge under "sex" symbols. The same secrets are revealed in the ankh of the Egyptians, and these symbols conceal the beautiful and pure process of Divine Revelation - and the mysteries of "life and death". It is only at this stage in human history that these symbols have become corrupted by an erring, uninitiated priesthood that we have such a growth in licentiousness. Families and homes have suffered.

The time has come for a greater depth of the higher mysteries of life to be divulged, as many people who are students and members of the large

religious institutions can see that these organisations cannot give them the answers. Whilst the main Christian religious groups depend upon the teachings of "Jesus", they fail because of the dogmas associated with them. These dogmas act as mental "veils" which cloud the spiritual vision and people remain in ignorance. No matter how advanced, or "high", the spiritual teaching that one follows, it will depend upon how much the student is centred on his personality self that he will understand or experience life - for inasmuch as one relates any spiritual teaching to the personality level, it will be subject to the reasoning powers of that level. Hence, according to how much the person is relying on his own understanding of Cosmic Truths, his measure of enlightenment will not exceed that which he feels necessary for his physical needs. This is in accord with the ideas advanced in relation to the modern views on the "Quantum theory".

Mentioning the above theory, I must offer some explanation. In the ancient teachings of the Sun Priests, and in many select orders today, it was, and still is, understood that one's spiritual understanding is measurable against one's concern for his own "mortal", or personal interests, and tests were given to prove it. The proof lies not in how much one knows, or what one has achieved in "spiritual works" or in what "spiritual" or psychic powers one has, but in what influence one had, or has, in the direction of merely a few words or even none. This means that "spiritual", or divine energy, is present in "amount" according to one's ability to step aside the "mortal" selfhood. Thus, one can come to be reckoned as an immortal, or a god, when one has abandoned the concept of being a "mortal".

It can be seen then that it is

precisely how one thinks and acts, what one's beliefs are and to what ideas and philosophies one is attracted that will make one's "world". One's world is reflected back to one in the terms of suffering, in the types of diseases experienced, in the measure of his hardships and struggles according to the man's ideas at the time. Thus even epidemics are the effects of man's worries, fears and the hypotheses relating thereto and in proportion one will suffer according to his responses to these ideas. Therefore, a thought, or idea, is the essence of the objectified, or inner, experience. What is pointed out now is that one cannot have a "new world" built on the existing philosophies. A completely new teaching must be followed which contains no reference to, or ideas based upon, the hypothesis that relates to any, at present "man-made" observance of natural laws. The right essence, or thought patterns, must be established before one can expect any changes. The old saying from the scriptures, that "as a man thinketh so is he" is correct in the fact that whatever a man believes, whatever he accepts as a reality and however he acts or reacts in relationship to his thoughts and community laws - that will be him in expression.

The main religious bodies in the west teach a system whereby one is encouraged to follow a path which is assumed to be "good", and one is also encouraged to hate, or decry that which seems to be "evil". There is no attempt to give a logical reason for these differences. The common teaching is that all this "evil" is attributed to a "person", or force, called "Satan", or the Devil, who is the head of an opposing organisation of lesser evil entities, who are simply there to tempt and terrorise mankind. In this state it is necessary to have a "World Saviour", or Avatar, who is

finally going to destroy all the "evil works" and end all suffering, and a state of peace and harmony is going to be the result. This kind of dogma takes away individual and group initiative in following up new avenues for human emancipation, and as long as the beliefs in this dual war continues, there is never going to be an end. For the suffering will continue until man has eliminated the very concept of it from consciousness. Such is the power of thought and belief.

To proceed further with our discussion let us look at these two forces from another point of view. Organised religion often uses the terms Light and Darkness instead of referring to Good and Evil. The so-called "occult" bodies and "esoteric" schools also use those terms and talk about the forces of Light warring against the forces of Darkness. In practise they are just as much in ignorance as the religions they claim to be in advance of. One might ask, "How can we come to consider and re-educate ourselves to see that which we have feared for many years and called "evil" as being but the beautiful other side of that which we have called "good"? But is suffering, hardship and disease to be considered "good"?

Because of the already wrong programming, from which the seeker after truth is trying to get release, it will be found no easy matter to start the process of re-orientation to one's natural being. But with patience and sincerity under the guidance of an elder brother, it can be done. In this process of eliminating the "false vestiges of wisdom" from consciousness, the unpleasant effects, from the former doctrines, slowly disappear. During our re-education in the natural knowledge, we come to know that these "two forces" are really the seeming Masculine (Light) and Feminine

(Dark) qualities emanating from the One Consciousness of the manifested Logos; then we experience that which is true of ourselves and leave the world of fantasy.

We are now living in a time when many people who are interested in foretelling future events are saying that we are entering a new-age, and that beings from a "Cosmic Hierarchy" are going to assist mankind to create a new world - a new "golden age". In these pages I am going to try and show that this "new revelation" is already becoming evident in the lives of many; but it will require entirely new archetypes upon which to build an enlightened age. The worn out dogmas of this last few thousand years must fade away and give place to a nearer approach to Truth. Why I say, "a nearer approach to Truth", is because that which we call "Truth" is relative to our understanding at a particular time, and as mere individuals we can never know that which is absolutely True. Even that knowledge we possess from the Great Teachers is only what we think was said or what we think was implied. The interpretation of any teaching varies from person to person and that is why we have so many sects and groups. I am also saying that the "nearer to Truth" teaching is here because it has never really been away. It has lived in the hearts and lives of the true Sons of God, (or Sons of the Sun as they were originally known,) who come and go throughout the ages of man's varying history. The teaching of our Divine Progenitors states that all manifestation in this, which we call the objective world, is dependant upon the movement of energy and because we see two opposite kinds of movement, that is not really so. These masculine and feminine appearances, or forces of Light and Darkness, are really the same

essence at varying periods of pulsation and are not different in nature or quality. In reality there is only One Life in Existence which is expressing itself in myriads of ways, and we experience it according to how we interpret the way it appears to affect us. We should, therefore, endeavour to pursue knowledge with an attitude that is not tinged with the erroneous theories which at present prevail.

In Ecuador there is a valley where people live to be about one hundred and fifty years old. In Tibet there is a valley where people live in harmony. There are no wars, no crime and they do not use money as an exchange system, yet nobody starves. Their diet is limited and they are all reasonably healthy. These things show that a balanced and happy existence is not dependant on the health laws and other theories advanced in the western world. Health is the expression of a healthy outlook and is not reliant on diet and vitamins. Disease is the confirmation of wrong living in the way of selfishness, greed and licentiousness - traits which the aforementioned people do not have. These people have no birth control problems because their system of marriage naturally regulates the numbers within the community.

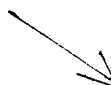
Purity of Mind, compassion for others and a lack of selfishness are the diet and vitamins for a healthy life. These qualities are the substance, or essence, of that which is experienced. As Paul in the New Testament puts it, "the substance of things hoped for - the evidence of things not seen". The kind of world one experiences is, or only can be that expression of one's own and the community's thoughts and beliefs. The idea and its expression cannot be separated because the visible and experienced condition is the fulfilment

of the thought energies entertained.

In the west there is much talk about the freedom of the individual. At root this is nothing more than the desire, on the part of those that expound this theory, to foster their own immature ways of life upon the community at large. The idea of freedom for the individual has led to the downfall of those who misunderstand it. The present wave of youth violence in demonstrations and sports fields, and the wilful damage to public property is these people's idea of freedom - the will to do as they please. The double standards existing throughout the whole of western society, and that which is slowly growing in the east, stems from the ignorance of the true nature of life.

The main religions in the western hemisphere, namely Christianity, Islam and Judaism, all stemming from the same source, have proved themselves to be all violent in essence. It is this built-in violence which at various times has come to the fore to consummate itself. The very idea of violence gives rise to violence, even the idea of non-violence, and when people try to follow the "loving" part of the teaching, the opposite swings into operation, and they find themselves acting irrationally. The only answer to this problem is to follow a religion, or philosophy, where the very ideas of revenge, punishment, suffering, of "holy wars", and the enforcement of morals by legislation, have no place. As the great Teachers have pointed out, "One must be born again to experience a new life". In a "new life" the old beliefs and standards can have no part: it appears that many are afraid to discard them.


Suffering, discord and poverty will



cease as soon as mankind learns to stop generating the forces that maintain them. The religious belief of "the suffering on the Cross" results in a suffering humanity. Where a teaching encourages its followers to "love others" and to tolerate suffering, they have their wishes fulfilled. Why not be in harmony with each other without having to undergo suffering? Disease and the social imbalances are not caused by "germs" and environmental conditions. The only "germs" and poor conditions are the selfish ideas perpetuated by man himself and the manifestation of his poor outlook. No matter how man tries, how much he struggles, how much he seeks "ways and means", he cannot overcome that which prevents him from reaching his goal. He should change his whole mental outlook. He has to free himself from the prevailing idea in this hemisphere, that if we have to suffer, we must devise ways and means of making our suffering more comfortable.

Each time mankind gets into difficulties, he is encouraged to look back to his origins, the true source of his selfhood. Just as Moses, in the Biblical allegory, encouraged the Children of Israel, or Children of Light, to return to the teachings of their forefathers, so should we in this day, if we are to resolve our problems, look to see where the ancient Father-Mother teachings are applicable. For this age-old teaching is pure in nature and when applied, it provides the womb out of which the correct inspiration flows. Some teachers are saying that we should return to the Matriarchal Teaching; but as the Source of Life is singular in nature the balanced view would be better.

The whole problem of "sin and suffering" lies in the fact that they exist in consciousness. Any belief held in the mass thought of humanity, if not



eradicated, will give rise to the experiences associated with that belief. The belief in "evil forces", even in the content of stage dramas and literary novels, gives power to unpleasant conditions and provides the essence for these conditions becoming real to us. Our work should be to eliminate such ideas from our consciousness and aim at filling our minds with the ideas we wish to see realised. This might appear a mammoth task; but by the same effort that has brought all man's suffering into being, harmony and peace can be restored. When a being of a higher order comes into our presence, we feel his nature emanating around us. When he departs, our troubles return because the faults are within ourselves.

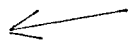
There are records available which give us some idea of what our forefathers believed. In spite of frequent efforts by various powers to destroy them, there is sufficient knowledge to give us a fair understanding. One has only to search through the purer aspects of the old eastern systems, compare them with those in the west that are considered to be "heretical", or pagan, and the intelligent researcher can see that, basically, all truths converge.

The present beliefs of the Christians are the updated concepts of much older teachings. The rituals of death and resurrection, also baptism, were performed in the Egyptian temples and the myth of the virgin birth, the "three wise men", is carved on the wall of the holy of holies at Luxor. Many things practised by the Christians today were done by the ancient Egyptian people. The "pagan"

religions, in the past, were based upon a system whereby the initiate gained some kind of idea of the world around him. Men sought reasons for birth and death, night and day, the changing seasons, and pain and suffering. In fact, the earlier religions came into being from superstitions associated with what we would call normal happenings in nature. Festivals were arranged to coincide with the sowing of seeds and the reaping of the harvest. Full moons were regarded as being important as the time-span concurred with the female cycle. Thus, the moon was depicted as a Goddess with influence upon gestation and birth in every form.

As man demanded more esoteric meanings to life, the intelligent ones among them erected other hypotheses based upon the many complicated patterns of life. It could be said that wisdom was the result of taking account of past experiences in the handling and overcoming of events that threatened the normal routine of the community.

"Truth" and "Wisdom" in the early days were not associated with any higher knowledge than the ability to cope with quite mundane situations. "Truth" and "Wisdom" were the requirements for leading a harmonious natural and "physical" life and had nothing to do with a religious, or metaphysical, system as we know it today. If people understood the true laws of life, there would be no need for organised religion or an establishment to enforce "law and order". Everybody would be, naturally, fully mature persons living according to such knowledge that makes wholesome experiences possible. From past records it can be discovered that ideal conditions did exist, in certain areas, on this planet. An area where a physical existence of perfect order reigned. A saga engraved on clay tablets discovered



by archaeologists whilst excavating a site at ancient Ninevah, being part of the library of King Ashurnipal, (who reigned about the seventh century B.C.,) tell the story of a place called Dilmun and figures in what is known as the "Epic of Gilgamesh".

It is interesting to note, especially for students of allegory, that the boat ordered to be built was in the form of a cube with seven compartments in all - each divided into a further seven parts. The character Ziusudra in this story is mentioned as being the last antediluvian ruler reigning for a period of 36,000 years. Some identity with long life periods can be seen here with the very long life's spans of the Biblical Patriarchs. Biologists tell us that there is no reason why "physical" bodies should age and die because a continual process of renewal is taking place in every living cell. Is it that our habits of wrong thinking, and living only allows us around the proverbial length of life of three score years and ten? Did the pre-flood patriarchs possess the secrets of long life? The truth is that the nearer our concept of life is to that of Eternity, then will we experience a longer span on this Earth. In the early days facts were entered into the spiritual allegories to give added meaning to the myth.

In the "Book of the Cave of Treasures", translated by Sir Wallis Budge from an old text in the British Museum, there is an interesting account of Seth, who was a son of Adam and Eve. Seth and his family dwelt on the skirts of the mountain of Paradise and the narrative says, "There they dwelt in peace and happiness: there was nothing to weary or trouble them They suffered neither toil nor fatigue, they had neither seed time nor harvest, but they fed themselves with the delectable fruits of glorious trees of all kinds,

and they enjoyed the sweet scent and perfume of the breezes which were wafted forth to them from Paradise. Thus lived those holy men, who were indeed holy, and their wives were pure, and their sons were virtuous, and their daughters were chaste and undefiled. In them was no rebellious thought, no envy, no anger, no enmity. In their wives and daughters there was no impure longing and neither lasciviousness, nor cursing, nor lying was heard among them." Seth was also a long-liver and is recorded as having lived nine hundred and thirteen years. Such perfect living as I have mentioned was the dream of the early "Christians", and followers of the teachings of Jesus have sought this ideal. They fail because of the reasons aforementioned. The patriarchs succeeded because there was no seed of impurity within them and it is possible, even now, to experience a return to the above mentioned Golden Age if we are prepared to give up all our present opinions, suppositions regarding life, and learn how to really live. As I have said, the existing hypotheses regarding pain and suffering must be completely done away with.

Man lives in a mental world and whatever kinds of attitudes and thoughts occupy his mind, that will determine the kind of world he builds. Man creates his own world and by changing his whole outlook he can experience his highest ideals. The state of a greater harmony and peace within the mind, however, can never be brought about by using new technologies or drugs - or any other system which employs external ways and means to achieve it. A new world is fashioned from within.

Inscribed upon tablets uncovered at Sippar was found the same wisdom as taught in the Christian Sermon on the Mount. The Sumerian King Uto advocated the returning of good for evil, performing

justice and of giving alms to the poor and needy. Lord Viracocha taught the same truths to the Incas.

There have been many different claims as to where the actual cradle of civilisation existed. Quite a number of researchers settle for a continent called Atlantis, which sank beneath the sea about twelve thousand years ago. Others settle for the Mediterranean area because it is believed that our religious forebears lived there. There are, however, other interesting records to be discovered farther east - from Indian, Persian and Chinese traditions which claim that the home of the world religions is to be found in Upper Asia and that the fabled "Garden of Eden" was situated on the Pamir Plateau near the Tarim Basin. Careful research could indicate this to be a more accurate location. It is more than possible that the old Mayan culture of South America stemmed from China because the statues of that period look particularly of a Chinese nature. There are old writings which could indicate that the name of Britain is derived from the word Barat, and so, if true, would prove links with the events written about in the Mahabarata of eastern and Hindu origin. The teachings contained in the Vedas provide a clue to an existing global religion. In very truth these writings contain much material that formed the basis for the beliefs of the ancient Sun Priest Kings, who had a tradition all of their own as opposed to the beliefs and practices of the common people. There existed two classes of people - those versed in the mysteries of life, namely the arts and sciences, and the workers or "others". The communities were perfectly balanced and everybody was entitled to his rightful share of food, clothes and to have a home. Men and women had equal rights with respect to authority and possessions,

and any person could change his position in the community by means of improving his knowledge and skills.

In the book "The Sirius Mystery" the author describes the extraordinary facts regarding the priestly rituals of the Dogon tribe in Africa. Their rituals, and the allegories contained therein, approximate the activities taking place in the area of Sirius the Dog-Star. If the assumptions regarding the knowledge contained in the rituals are correct, it is obvious that such information has been handed down from a people whose technologies were advanced enough to obtain facts that astronomers with the aid of radio telescopes have only recently discovered.

It can be found that when people are allowed to live nearer to nature - the harmony it produces enables them to acquire more accurate information about the Universe itself; whereas the minds that are following set doctrines and dogmas, when feeling the need to break free, find themselves revolving within a mental boundary beyond which they cannot pass. Our knowledge regarding the Universe and man can only equal that amount according to the limits we place upon it. Knowing, therefore, the precise area of investigation allowed us by our five senses, we should enquire into those areas of seeking which demonstrate that man is not limited by his senses and that other forces and energies, farther afield, are in operation.

There are many theories as to how long the specie man has been on the earth. Theories range from one half to five million years and it is very difficult for the anthropologists to make a really accurate assessment because the geographical structure of this planet has changed so many times and is still in the process of movement. Possibly in some remote area, under the sea or other

unsuspected country, there are artifacts to be discovered that will give a clue. Our only guides at the moment are ancient tablets, manuscripts and traditions held by the elders in certain tribes and secret organisations of recorded long standing.

In Britain there is a tradition going back some thousands of years, and historian Herodotus is mentioned as stating that this tradition went back as far as six thousand years from his day. He states that learned men came from all over the world to a great centre in Britain that had persisted through the ages. Britain, too, has changed its geographical shape, for archeologists have discovered that there is possibly a sunken stretch of land between the coast of these islands and the Scilly Isles where, perhaps, the legendary Lyonesse lies covered. It can be discovered, too, that there is a holy centre still operating in this country which can trace its origins back a number of centuries and was, formerly, linked with the schools of pre-flood origin. This is why Britain still remains the leading country in the fields of modern civilisation. In spite of what people say about it, it can be proved to be the most free country on the surface of this planet.

The teachings of the Patriarchs have remained intact in the minds and hearts of a long succession of teachers who were, and still are, instructed by those beings who, for want of a better term, have been known to us as the Elohim. Theologians might scoff at such claims but then not all theologians are versed in the knowledge of spiritual realities. Most theological argument and discussion is based upon speculative and unproven information, which cannot be supported by a reliable historical background. The mystic knows that there are realms of reality which are but wild fantasies to

the speculative researcher.

I have mentioned that it is difficult to prove what is actually true, and whilst there is the claim by modern scientists that they erect their hypotheses on provable facts, they fight shy of provable facts that lie outside the curriculum of state colleges and universities. To discover facts outside the umbrella of a state recognised school of learning is modern "heresy". When a government discovers unusual occurrences taking place within its domain, it gets around the problem by stating that the thing does not exist. Since the dawn of our present recorded history, the alternative society, which lives by the teachings of the Patriarchs, has existed side by side with the unreal man-made systems of institutionalised religion, politics and law, and there are very few that discover it. Conditions existing in the unreal world are such that it is only those with courage and sincerity who can find release from it.

Every thought or idea that is entertained contains within itself the energy like unto its kind, or nature, and so it will, at some time, appear in the actual experience of the one that entertains it. Every ill condition in the human realm is brought in to being by supposing an idea to be of a particular nature, either for pain or joy. For example, the idea of love, originating in the consciousness of a person, takes on the appearance that the one gives to it according to the way he believes and lives. Love, therefore, will appear in the guise, according to the materialistic or spiritual desires of the one concerned. The all-pervading consciousness of love then, which is the infused nature of the manifested life in our Solar System, is entirely impersonal in its presence, thus providing for the many different forms that it takes. This fact can be seen in

evidence in the appearances of Love in its many outlets today. If the religious teachings at present in existence present the ideas of sin and suffering, and these ideas are fostered upon some of the seeming unpleasant aspects of Love, then of the ones indulging in those particular aspects, on to which a supposed law has been grafted, the "sinner" will suffer in proportion to the depth of his, or her, belief.

Even though one is practising a reasonably moral life by adhering to that which is understood to be good, there is always the danger, or fear, of being threatened by onslaughts from the direction of evil. In effect the constant see-sawing of "good" and "evil" ideas or emotions finally breaks down the balance of people and they come to the point where anarchy and immorality conquers the senses. From this point of view it would appear that all the efforts of organised religion to create a "good" living society results in achieving the opposite. It is not the fact of the dual-natured teachings in itself but rather that there is no further opportunity offered to the disciples for reaching into the Oneness they are taught to believe in. In truth this genuine experience of Oneness cannot be attained until the idea of duality is banished altogether: so where there is no real guidance on this quest, the pupil lacks the required knowledge to reach it.

The teaching which enables the disciple to attain his required perfection and final ascension was taught to selected persons in the ancient mystery schools and these processes did not consist of great rituals and ceremonies, as some are led to believe. In fact, such rituals are only required in the dualistic schools to calm the body and mind. In the advanced schools however, the candidate was taught to reject totally any

outside aid whatsoever.

In the days of the Patriarchs, those who had reached the state referred to as Perfection were literally called "gods", and when the ordinary citizen encountered one of these persons, he was indeed reckoned to be in the presence of a god. This is not surprising since the Perfected One embodied the very nature that a "god" was known to possess. Thus the "allegorical" history contains the records of these beings for posterity, and examples to those embarking on the perilous road to "godship". In the scriptures where one is mentioned as speaking to "God", it means that a conversation was being carried on between "flesh and blood" persons. In instances where the "voice of God" came to a prophet, or other person, they well knew, from the instructions they had received in their religious training, that it was the potential "God" in every man that was revealing itself. It is this side of spiritual education that has been suppressed by organised religion, for fear of losing its grip on the masses. However, those persons who are sincere and pure in their search for "immortality" can arrive at the doors of the still existing Sacred Schools unexpectedly, because such schools exist in unusual and unsuspected places.

There is in Britain a group of people who believe that they are descendants from the Israelites and have carried out many researches in an attempt to prove their claim. Several tribes in Afghanistan, who are Muslims, make the same claim and they, like those in this country, produce records in support of the facts. When the Christian priests journeyed with the conquistadors into the Americas, in the sixteenth century, they saw that the Amerindians held similar beliefs to their own, and that their religious ceremonies appeared to bear a likeness. There are two claims in support of similar beliefs being held the world over. One is that before the "Flood" there was one religion, and the peoples were spread about during the disaster. The other is that the Semites were scattered abroad during the reign of Senacherib, and that they continued to practice their religion in the areas where they settled down. The teachings of the Buddha also closely resemble those of Christ Jesus.

The world-wide discussions in vogue at this time as to the validity of the tenets of the Christian Faith, and to whether or not an historical Jesus existed, are the results of former poisons being fed into the organisation. Men's actions and motives are forms of energy projected into their experiences, and these grow like the leaven in bread.

→ If man would learn that he cannot exploit his own undisciplined nature at the expense of others, he would save his fellows a great amount of suffering. In this day and age, most of the things that are regarded as intelligent, free-thinking and liberated are like chains around the neck, because the specie man is really intended to graduate to a state of perfection, and to be an efficient

vehicle for the Solar Energies to fulfil themselves correctly. That is why it mentions, in the Holy Bible, God admonishing the Patriarchs to be perfect. Jesus taught his disciples to become perfect.

In the Patriarchal teachings, it does not really matter whether Jesus was the Teacher of Righteousness in the Essene Order, Jeshu ben Pendira of the Talmud, Appollonius of Tyana, Onias the Just, or the Jesus of the Gospels - or whether he escaped the cross and went to India to be finally buried in Srinagar. It is the living out of the Principles laid down in the Scriptures that really matters. However, there are many doctrines and dogmas erected out of these scriptures, and it is according to the nature of these dogmas which determine the effectiveness of the teachings. The present so-called "orthodox" faiths provide little in the way of a maturing nature and limit one's experience of Divine Sonship. In spite of the universally orthodox belief in good and evil, the higher consciousness overshadows the deeper meanings contained therein and those that faithfully seek for the Truth can find the Unified One.

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