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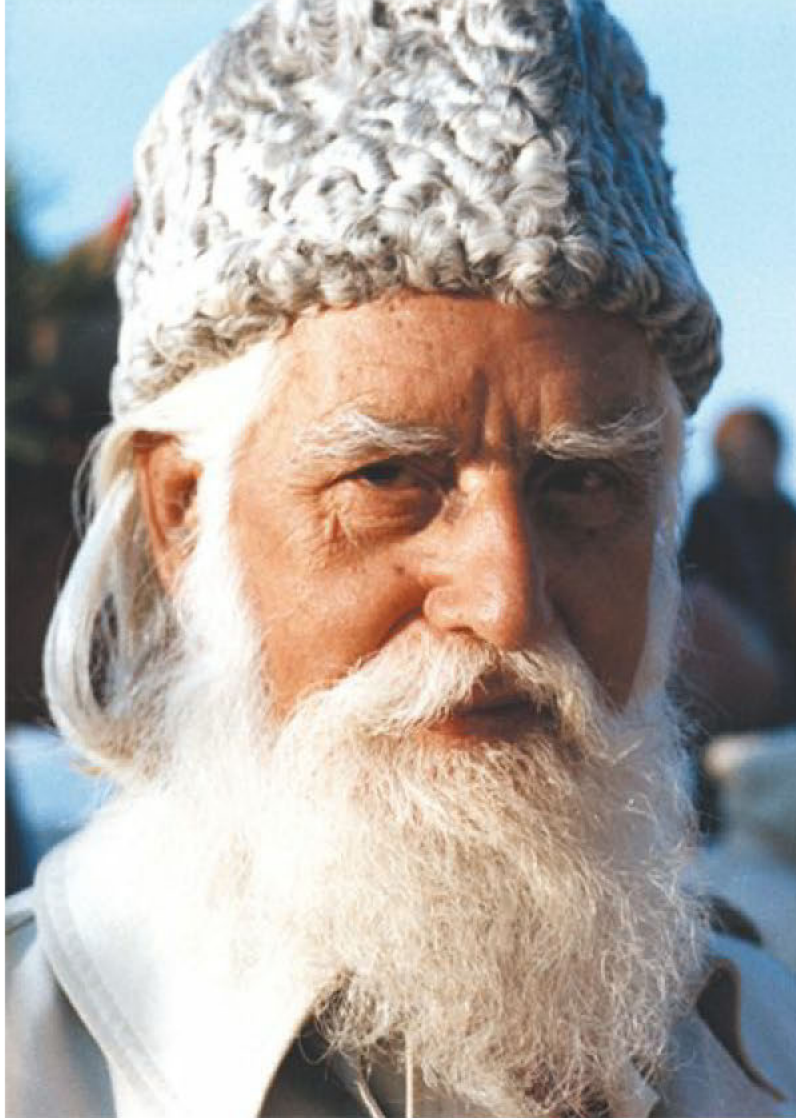
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Chapter One

WHAT IS SPIRITUAL GALVANOPLASTY?

'...whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.'

How often do Christians the world over read this verse of the Gospels without realizing what it means! What is the correspondence between heaven and earth? Here heaven and earth represent the two principles, the two opposite poles of masculine and feminine, positive and negative, which can be found everywhere in life and everywhere in nature. Between those two poles there is a ceaseless, uninterrupted circulation and correspondence.

In the following verse Jesus says, *'Again I say unto you that if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For, where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.'*

All creation is the result of the masculine and feminine principles, which are themselves the reflection, the continuation of the two cosmic principles responsible for the creation: the divine Father and Mother. Our heavenly Father and nature, the divine Mother, are the result, the polarization of the Absolute, the non-manifested Principle which the Cabbalah calls Ain Soph Aur, or Light Everlasting.¹ The two principles are everywhere throughout nature in varying forms, but, whether on the earth or inside the earth, at the bottom of the seas or high up in the atmosphere, it is always those two principles at work! They exist also inside man, in both his physical and his psychic bodies, where the masculine principle expresses itself in the mind and spirit and the feminine principle in the heart and soul.

Action is the result of the mind and heart, of their combined thinking and feeling. Together the mind and heart give birth to action and, when our thoughts are correct and good and our feelings are loving and unselfish, then the action is positive and constructive! Action is invariably the child of the mind and heart. People are active even when their minds and hearts are not fully developed... in which case the child, or action, will be the result of the

absence of the mind and heart, but even when it is thoughtless and unemotional our action is still the product of mind and heart. The nature of the child depends upon the degree of evolution of the parents, it is good or bad, intelligent or stupid, depending upon their degree of love and intelligence. But it is always the mother and father principle, that is, heaven and earth working together.

Now, suppose you plant a seed. In so doing you are ‘binding something on earth and binding something in heaven,’ for the earth will send the elements it has to make it grow and come to fruition, and the heavens will send rain to water it and sunlight to warm it! heaven and earth are in liaison to keep the seed alive... all you did was to plant the little seed in the ground, but your action released something in heaven and earth.² And when you eat your daily food, is the food not exactly like the seed you put in the ground (your stomach), stirring heaven (your mind) to send down the forces and currents that will transform it into energy? As the food enters the stomach, forces rush from all over your system to render it useful.

The joint action of the heart and mind is to ‘bind and unbind.’ The work of the heart is to unite, to synthesize, to link everything, and consequently it may even sometimes make stupid links; the work of the mind is to analyse, to divide and separate, to destroy. It is not by chance that the world is in the process of destroying itself: the mind is now in first place, considered more important than anything else, to the exclusion of everything else. It is high time we decided once and for all to recognize the importance of the heart, the love of the heart that revives and restores and unites with its warmth. Not that we should exclude the mind entirely, no, but it must work together with the heart. How, in what way? Here is a little story that will show you what I mean.

One day, two men came before the judge, accused of stealing apples from a private orchard. When it became evident that one of them was blind and the other a legless cripple, no one could figure out how they could have done it. The first one said, ‘How could I have stolen the apples, your Honour, I am blind!’ And the second one said, ‘How could a cripple reach the apples to steal them?’ The judge was about to dismiss them, being persuaded of their innocence, when all of a sudden he cried, ‘I know what happened! They could never have stolen the apples separately, of course, but if the blind man

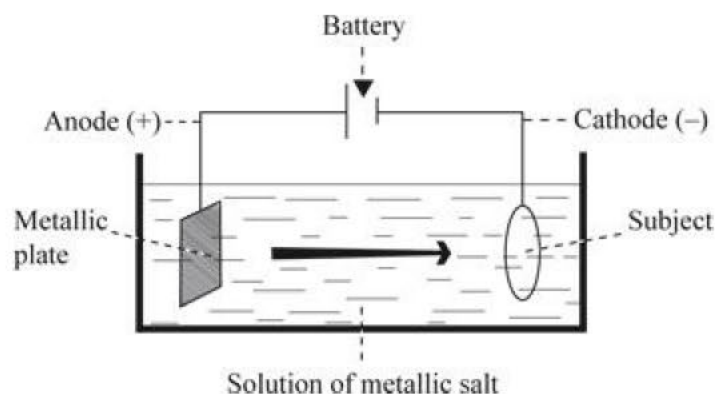
put the cripple on his shoulders, it would make a whole man, and together they could easily have stolen the apples or anything else!’

That is what the mind and heart are like: those two thieves. The heart is blind (as the whole world knows only too well), but it can walk and run and even gallop when it wants to, a heart moved by desire can go anywhere it wants. The mind only sees and observes, it can do nothing without the heart to transport it. Together however, they can do whatever they choose, perform miracles or commit crimes.

This role of the heart and mind applies in many fields, physics, mathematics, psychology and so on; always the same role of the two principles, masculine and feminine, at the origin of all action and manifestation. Now we come to the phenomenon of Galvanoplasty. I am going to describe this experiment to you in order to prove, to show how it can be applied to another field no one has ever thought of applying it to: the human being. Properly interpreted, it can affect the human being and the way he functions in a most interesting and important way. This is the phenomenon of Galvanoplasty:

Two electrodes are wired to a battery and immersed in a basin filled with a metallic solution... gold, silver, brass or anything else you choose. The anode, or positive pole (+ pole) is a plate made of that metal. The cathode or negative pole (– pole) is a mould, a coin or medal with an image, made of guttapercha and lead. When the battery is turned on, the anode regenerates the liquid solution as it dissolves, and the cathode becomes coated with metal. Your mould is then coated with gold or silver or whatever metal you chose.

The four elements required in this experiment are: the battery which produces the current, the solution in which the metal is dissolved, the positive electrode (anode) and the negative electrode (cathode) to which the metal is to adhere.



The experiment may be a simple one, but it is most important when applied to human beings. The battery, the solution, the anode and cathode, are comparable to the spirit, the soul, the mind and heart of man. The functions are identical. Considered from a mathematical point of view, the exercises are also similar, for the heart adds, the mind subtracts, the soul multiplies and the spirit divides, just as the cathode adds (as it captures the elements in the solution), the anode subtracts (the metal dwindles down to nothing as it dissolves), the solution multiplies (as the ions are transformed into atoms, molecules and electrons), and the battery divides because it distributes the force, the current which makes all the rest function.

The phenomenon of Galvanoplasty teaches us how to work with the forces of life. By putting the anode in our minds, that is, by having only the most incorruptible thoughts (pure gold) and by nourishing the highest ideal, an image of perfection in our hearts (the solution of love), and by linking ourselves to the spirit (battery), or God within, then we receive his strength and life-giving force. We are filled each day with the current, the subtle substance that develops the qualities we were given by God when he created us, but which have been lying dormant. As they develop they change the form of our body, so that gradually we begin to have the aspect, the face and mien of our heavenly Father.

This process I call spiritual galvanoplasty. The same phenomenon can be applied to the child before it is born... but we will come to that later. (See chapter X)

In order for the circulation of energy to be established between our Father and us, we must link ourselves to Him. How? Jesus says, *'If on earth two of you agree to ask whatsoever it may be, they will obtain it from my Father*

who is in heaven. For, where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.’ That is to say, where there is the light of the mind, the love of the heart, and the action of the will, there will I be also. The three must be linked together. Sometimes the presence of two is enough to obtain the third. Jesus said two or three, not four or five: two being the one who thinks and the one who desires... and three for the child that is born of those two. To obtain results there must be more than thoughts and feelings, there must be action, or the fruit of our thoughts and feelings.³

When Jesus said, *‘If two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven...’* he was not referring to people. Supposing you are alone in the desert, would Christ not be with you simply because you were alone? Jesus was referring to the mind, the heart, and the will of man. If that is what you believe, whether you are alone or with hundreds of others, the Christ will be there with you as long as your thoughts and feelings are united in an endeavour to do something in his Name.

From this phenomenon of Galvanoplasty we learn one more law that will help us in our struggle to evolve. If you have understood what I said today, you will choose an image of perfection, a higher being to resemble, a lofty Ideal to attain, and you will place that image in your heart and contemplate it in your mind with longing and adoration. Thus you will establish the spiritual current and your soul will be filled with the divine substance that will bring you little by little to your Ideal.

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Chapter Two

REFLECTIONS OF THE TWO PRINCIPLES

Life exists in the universe, in nature and in man, because of two fundamental principles, which we will call male and female, husband and wife, for the sake of convenience. All creation is the result of the two principles working together; neither one is productive without the other, which is the reason men and women are forever searching for each other. In fact what they are seeking is the other principle, the one they lack, for nothing is more important than to be united with one's complementary principle. All problems between men and women are due to the fact they do not understand what they are looking for, what each hopes to find in the other. Men and women are reflections, manifestations of the two principles.

Consciously or unconsciously, all creatures recognize the importance of the two principles. When a man thinks he has found his woman, he is ready to abandon everything to possess her because, without his knowing it, she has what he is lacking, she complements his nature. A king will abdicate his throne and abandon his subjects for a woman... how can she, irresistible as she may be, be more important to him than millions of subjects, a whole army, a royal treasury of fabulous jewels? Actually it is not the woman, it is the missing, complementary principle that is needed by commoner and king alike... more than anything else in the world. For woman also the complementary principle is essential; she will go against her family, the world's good opinion and all heaven and earth, to obtain the man she loves. How can this be wrong, since inscribed in the human heart by the Father and the divine Mother, nature, are the words, *'Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and they shall become one flesh.'* In his heart of hearts, each creature knows that he must find his complement, the part that completes him and makes him whole. This is always what he is seeking, it is behind everything he does whether it be scientific, philosophical, artistic, religious... he is always seeking the complement of himself.

Why does a man fall in love with one particular woman, generally to the

exclusion of all other women? Because she reflects the other side of himself, the side he is missing. Human beings are polarized, and this polarization incites them to seek the opposite pole in a man, a woman, even in God. For, regardless of how it may appear, they are always looking for the other part of themselves. Mystics claim they are seeking God, because God is what they are missing, the part they want to unite with and become one with in order to be a perfect, complete entity. Until then they suffer because they are disunited, mutilated. Consciously or unconsciously all beings seek one thing: their complementary principle, that which Initiatic Science calls the kindred soul, plenitude or fulfilment, peace, omniscience, omnipotence, God himself. All seek the same thing, the only difference being the form.

Every human being has a twin soul, a spirit which is his twin. When man sprang like a spark from the heart of his Creator, he was two in one, that is, two parts that complemented each other perfectly, each one being the other half of the whole. Yes, man was originally both male and female, an androgynous being, with both the negative and the positive poles within himself. During the course of his evolution, man lost this perfect unity, the two parts divided and separated; this separation of the sexes meant that each one sought his own evolution. If they still recognize each other from time to time during their evolutions it is because each one bears the image of the other within the depths of his being, each one is marked by the seal of the other. Everyone has the image of his other half inside him, maybe only a vague image, but nonetheless there. And each soul that comes on earth hopes to meet the complementary soul who will give him what he needs: perfect harmony, perfect union.

Inherently we all know this, we never stop thinking we will meet the beloved whose face we almost remember, whose image is inside us but so deeply buried, so unclear... sometimes we meet someone and think, 'There she is, there he is, it is the face I love!', convinced of the connection with our inner image. Each time you think you have found your other half, for a while life flows in and around you in a marvellous way, you seem to advance with astonishing rapidity, yet inevitably, after a more or less satisfying period of intimacy, you realize that he or she is not the one you were waiting for. Disappointed, disillusioned once again, you abandon him or her to resume your search. Each time you feel the same joy, the same inspiration, but each time in the end it is always the same. This is true if you are a man and it is

true if you are a woman. One day, the meeting of the two principles is bound to take place as it should... and you will know the most powerful love of all, the real love which can exist only between two principles.

Kindred souls bring a form of plenitude to each other which no one else can bring. All the people you met in all your incarnations, all the husbands and wives, lovers and mistresses who left you or whom you left, did so because they were not meant for you, you did not really belong to each other. You may have been together momentarily, but, like a square lid on a round pot, you did not fit. Two souls that have been created by God as one can never be separated by anyone, nothing can keep them apart when they are made for each other. They recognize each other with absolute certainty and, once they have found each other, they cannot be separated. A human being meets his twin soul twelve times during his entire earthly existence including all his incarnations, and more often than not this meeting is fatal to them both, for there is no place in human lives for perfect love, the right conditions do not exist.

Do not misunderstand me: the fact that your husband or wife is far from being your twin soul is no reason to leave him or her! That is the moment to realize that you are two associates who came together to work, to accomplish a task that must be done, and you must be together until you are parted by death.

Philosophically speaking, we could say that our twin soul is our higher self, our opposite pole. If we are here on the earth below, the other pole must be above, where God and his Angels are, in heaven in all its perfection and plenitude. That is what disciples were taught in the mysteries of initiation: how to become one with the other pole. In India, what is called Jnani-Yoga teaches a method thanks to which the yogi unites with his higher self... and eventually, with God himself.¹

The same idea can be found in Greece, in-scribed on the facade of the Delphic Temple: Know Thyself. To know oneself in this context does not mean to familiarize oneself with the nature of one's character, good or bad, its faults or qualities, no... it would be too simple. The Book of Genesis says, '*And Adam knew Eve,*' '*Abraham knew Sarah.*' Knowledge is the fusion of the two principles; knowing yourself means to find the other pole within that

will make you complete, godlike, a divinity. If you are a man, the other pole is a woman, and you will know her as a lover knows his beloved... approximately so, for of course true fusion or knowledge of this kind takes place only in the Light. When you come into the Light you become one with yourself.

This precept is expressed a bit differently in the Gospels, *'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength,'*² meaning that we can communicate with God only through our higher self. That is what Christ meant when he said, *'No one comes to the Father except through me.'* Christ is the symbol of the Son of God, the sacred flame in each one of us. By linking with his higher self, man links himself to the Christ principle, and hence to God. The only way to reach God is through the higher self, for the higher self contains all that is good and pure. Every spiritual doctrine teaches man to use the faculties of his mind to climb as high as possible above the physical, material world into the world of Light where the principle of his higher self will lead him to godhood. In this way he creates an affinity, a sympathetic link with the complementary principle.

It is the only way to find God. Woman finds God through man because he represents the male principle, which is linked to the heavenly Father; man finds God through the feminine principle, through woman, thus becoming linked with nature herself, the divine Mother. Without the feminine principle (which he lacks), man has no impetus, no inspiration, no desire, nothing; without the masculine principle (which she lacks), woman remains inert, useless, sterile and without form. In studying nature, you see that the sun, the projector of light and heat, is the great masculine principle that restores and vivifies all creatures.

We all seek our kindred soul or spirit, but, as Initiatic Science tells us, you cannot find on the outside what you have not already found inside, you will pass it by without noticing. The more beauty you possess inwardly, the more beauty you will perceive on the physical plane. If you are not sufficiently developed, if you have no beauty inside, then you will not see it around you nor even recognize its existence! If you have inner beauty, you will see it everywhere, because the outer world is a reflection of the inner world. Hence it is useless to seek anything you have not already found within. Once you

find your twin soul through prayer and meditation and contemplation, you will find it everywhere, in people's faces, in lakes and mountains, in sunlight and in the singing of birds.

This truth is an important one especially for those who are thinking of marriage, and want to avoid catastrophe. A man who has found the feminine principle inside himself and a woman who has the masculine principle in her, will both want to work for their inner principles, in which case they should marry, their love will be a source of joy forever! I repeat, a woman should see the man she loves as God's representative on earth, and a man should see the divine Mother in his beloved and treat her accordingly.³ All the treasures of heaven will be available to such a couple, they will live night and day in rapture, in beauty and ecstasy, there will be no disillusion, no complaining, no disgust. They will never find out, as so many do, that their partner, far from knowing their soul and spirit, knows only the outer shell, the clothing, the sickly aspect... which is apt to happen to those who refuse to learn ahead of time from Initiatic Science: they refuse the truth, and they break their necks. Man is his own worst enemy when he spurns the Light which opens his eyes and shows him the way.

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Chapter Three

MARRIAGES MADE IN HEAVEN

I

Long before it became a human institution or religious sacrament, marriage existed in nature. For marriage is really a cosmic phenomenon which took place originally in the sublime world between the heavenly Father and the divine Mother. Human beings, who are created in the image of their Father, unconsciously repeat this cosmic ceremony in their everlasting search for another being with whom to unite. Christianity does not accept this order of things: although God the Father has a son, he must be thought of as celibate. Other religions accept the tradition of a wife in heaven, but Christians refuse her presence... this is not true Christian teaching. According to the Cabbalah, God has indeed a wife, Shekhina, formed by his own quintessence and with whom he creates worlds, but Christians feel that it diminishes God in some way to think of him as married. If so, why did he sanction human marriages? Where did the idea of marriage originate if not with him?¹

‘That which is below is like that which is above,’ said Hermes Trismegistus, that is to say, what is below on earth amongst human beings is the same as what is above in heaven with God and his Angels. All our manifestations are imitations of the divine model above. No one knows what God is, he is Absolute, Non-Manifest, he has neither body nor appearance, but when he wished to manifest himself and express himself in the objective world, he polarized himself, and, through this polarity of the Spirit (the Bridegroom) and of matter (the Bride), he created. The two poles were fused and from this ‘action’ came the world: the universe was born. Spirit and matter are not distinct from one another, they are in fact one and the same, only, because of the phenomenon of polarization, they appear to be separate and opposite.

The true marriage is the marriage of spirit and matter, and the result is

creation. Marriage exists even in atoms: when the ‘husband’ is separated from the ‘wife’ through fission, the separation is what causes everything to be pulverized! As long as they remain married and busy creating, there is peace, but once they are separated by force, they produce explosions!

Unless spirit is one with matter, matter remains formless, it is the spirit that gives matter its form and shape. And, everything being a reflection from above, you see the same phenomenon with man and woman: man (or spirit) shapes woman (or matter), and the process is repeated all over creation, from atoms in fusion to a baker making bread. There are millions of different forms of marriage, but it is always the union of spirit and matter.

That is why, when we say ‘pure spirit,’ it is only a manner of speech, for spirit cannot exist by itself in the world of manifestation... it would dissolve in the cosmic ocean. In order to manifest itself, spirit needs to be enveloped in matter, in a body or vehicle; the more the spirit is pure and sublime, the more the body is subtle and luminous to the point of their being almost identical. But spirit and matter remain two opposite poles, otherwise manifestation would be impossible, the spirit would return to its source and matter would be lifeless as a pile of dust.

Spirit is intangible and subtle, and like a whiff of perfume when it is not enclosed in a bottle or jar, it evaporates. Naturally the marriage between spirit and matter always involves sacrifice: the spirit must accept to limit itself in order to animate matter, and matter must submit to the spirit in order to bear its children.

For us human beings, true marriage is the marriage between our spirit and our physical body. The physical body is our wife, the mediator through which the spirit is able to work and manifest itself in all kinds of ways. And for us also divorce is death, the separation of spirit and matter. I would like to go into this essential subject more fully, in all its depth and subtlety, but... would you understand?

In any case you should know that the marriage of spirit and matter, the body, is tremendously taxing and limiting for the spirit. When, besides the existing difficulty, we limit it still further by taking a husband or wife externally as well, then we really weaken the spirit. We are obliged to pay so much attention to our material wife and give in to her so much in order to

keep her happy that there is little time left for the spirit: by obliging the body, we disoblige the spirit. Besides which one of the 'wives' will always be accusing us of adultery, and that will create trouble: no one ever realizes the extreme gravity of this situation.

However, I do not advise you to tell those around you that you are the spirit and the body is your wife! They will never accept that idea! It is the truth, nevertheless. The problems prevalent in human marriages are the result of this basic adultery. When we marry externally, we marry someone who cannot be right for us, because the only marriage that is right and that can make us truly happy, the only lasting marriage, is the union of the spirit and the body.²

Anyone who becomes conscious of this law, this truth, refrains from marriage: he knows that his spirit is already married, and he does not want to have to assume other burdens. He also knows that by taking on a second marriage he will be forced to transgress many laws and be unfaithful to his original contract, and, because he must spend all his time and energy on his second wife, inevitably his first wife will object and eventually refuse to serve him, or will grow so pale and weak from neglect as to disappear entirely! The world's greatest spirits, in their desire to serve all mankind, all women rather than one (who in any case will not be grateful), concentrated all their strength, time and capacities on their first wife, the spirit. As a result of this consecration, they became more and more active, wise, strong, beautiful and alive, their lives were effective and useful.

This is no reason to be cruel to your 'second' wife and to turn her out completely! If you are already married and have made certain promises, certain vows, you must remain with that person to the end: there must be a very solemn reason for getting rid of a wife or husband... otherwise you are sure to meet them again in your next incarnation, under even worse conditions. Be free if you can be, liberate yourself as much as possible... but not by being irresponsible.

Now I have upset all your preconceived ideas, have I not... you did not know you were already married, and have been since the beginning! Nor that even if you are single, you have a duty toward your wife, the physical body, to care for it, feed and nourish it, instruct it and keep it healthy... to neglect it

would bring disastrous repercussions. I know you have never thought about marriage this way. Do people who smoke ever wonder whether they are inconveniencing their poor, long-suffering 'wife'? Do any of you realize that your body should be considered an instrument for the spirit?³ Nevertheless, it seems to me that the more you hear, the more you feel something within you opening up and becoming clear at last. Intellectually you may be confused and baffled, you do not see it all clearly yet, but you do feel that something important is happening in the deepest recesses of your heart of hearts, and that you are not being misled. Perhaps I will never entirely satisfy your mind, your intellect, but if I can make you feel that you are on the road to truth, on the path to evolution, then the only thing left is for you to make the decision! My task is not to fill your brain with facts, but to enable you to see the essential truths, to taste them and live them. That is realization.

II

It was nature who gave man the need to avoid solitude. We think of it as something to be avoided at all costs, and this is normal and right, only we must do it intelligently, we must learn the best ways to escape solitude. How many men and women are utterly incapable of solving the problem of solitude! They wanted to sing a duet with someone, but no one joined them, and so they are miserable, too unhappy to sing solo!⁴ A woman whose husband leaves... instead of seeing the good side of her new situation and saying to herself that she is free at last... weeps her heart out and lights candles to the Virgin Mary, believing that will bring her errant husband back! Why not rejoice in being free at last for all the things she has been longing to do for so long? Well, no... she would rather make herself ill and land in hospital, simply because she needs 'love.' What kind of love was her poor idiot of a husband able to give her, if he had none himself? The proof is that he went off looking for someone else to give it to him! What riches has a beggar to give? A man promises to make a girl happy, 'Darling,' he says. 'Let me make you happy!' when he himself is unhappy and does not know what happiness really is! No doubt he thinks it will be enough to sleep with her to make her happy... if it were so simple! In fact he is more apt to make

her ill with all his moods and bad habits, his vices....

But nature has created us in such a way that we need affection, we need love, we need to make exchanges with other people. That need is universal, no one denies it! But what I insist on is that you realize how dependent you are on the other person when all you seek is a physical, tangible manifestation of love; you are not free, and are therefore subject to grief, to disillusion and regret. To obtain love and favours from someone else is outside your control, you have to make certain concessions and sacrifices that it might be better not to make.

Let us examine what happens in the life of a young girl: she needs affection, naturally. When some boy happens along and pleases her at the moment, without looking into his character or studying his reactions, his habits, she chooses to marry him. Now the need is satisfied, but what happens? She has to accept all the boy's traits of character, good and bad, his way of thinking, his feelings, which are perhaps coarser than hers and not in tune with her ideals. He gives her something she thought she wanted and, because of that, she is obliged to endure all the rest! It is what happens to most boys and girls. For a sensation, a thrill or two that bring them a few crumbs of happiness at first, they then suffer all kinds of things that disturb them, and they don't know what to do. In order to escape this unhappy situation they have to break a great many laws, which is certainly undesirable. Yes, that is the sad truth. In exchange for a little satisfaction, they become caught in a web of complications; because of a need, they have to submit to all the impurities and anomalies of someone whom they did not study well enough ahead of time.

For that reason, this is my advice to youth: do not be in such a hurry to ruin your life! Do not rush into something with the first one to come along! Study the situation, study his (or her) nature and character, try to see clearly what he is like and, above all whether he is prepared to work along with you and your ideas, to tread the same path in the same direction... otherwise you will spend your life mutually destroying each other. If you are in harmony on the physical, emotional and mental planes and not just physically attracted, you stand a chance of succeeding... if not, do not think to yourself, 'Oh, it's not important to feel the same way about things... in the long run he or she will understand, we will manage somehow!', for it is not true that you will

manage, on the contrary, once you are used to certain pleasures you will grow tired of them, and it will become apparent that your ideas and tastes, your ideals are not the same, in which case there will be trouble, discord, separation. Mutual agreement as to ideas and tastes is essential: physical attraction will not compensate, nor even love generally speaking, for satiety is quick in coming, your feeling wears thin, you have had enough, you are down-right bored. If conversation is lacking, if they do not know how to make things always new and interesting, lovers are bored in no time.

On the other hand, there are people who feel no attraction for each other physically but who nevertheless adore each other; they always have a thousand things to say and tell each other, and try to be in tune on the three planes: to agree on the emotional plane concerning tastes and opinions (for if one prefers noise and the other prefers silence, if one likes to dance and the other to read, if one likes to go out and the other likes to stay home, there will be war!); to be attracted physically; and finally and most important, to have a goal, an ideal in common. Nothing is more beautiful, more marvellous, than the union of two people when harmony exists on the three planes! They share an inexhaustible source of joy and happiness.

Unfortunately, most boys and girls do not have these standards and criteria, they are in too much of a hurry, too superficial, and they count too much on chance meetings as the way to find their partner. If you plunge your hand into a bag full of snakes, lizards, mice, crocodiles, and doves, you cannot be sure of selecting a dove... and will more likely be bitten by a snake. People have the most extraordinary faith in Providence, they think it is there to watch over the blind, but it is not so; Providence prefers to leave people to their destiny, and destiny is more apt to sit back and let people learn through suffering! When Providence sees that two people are trying to see with their own eyes, it is pleased. 'Ah, I like to see that, I will help those two.' The strange thing is that someone who is blind will go right back after being bitten by a snake in the bag and do the same thing all over again! Some women (I have heard them) are tenacious enough to think, 'If I try again with my husband, perhaps he will improve and things will be better!' Has anyone ever known a viper to improve, or a crocodile?

I am not trying to convince you that physical attraction is unimportant and unnecessary... of course not... but neither is it essential. How often does it

happen that two people who love each other passionately today, or this week, detest each other the following day or week... they even want to kill each other! Yet neither has changed physically. A boy will lose his head over a pretty girl, find her ravishing from every point of view, and marry her. Some time later he discovers what she really is, superficial, lacking in loyalty, stupid, moody... and he ceases to love her. Even her great beauty no longer appeals to him because of his disgust at her inner ugliness. And the opposite also happens: a boy meets a girl who is not terribly pretty but when he realizes how wise, how patient and kind she is, what a spirit of sacrifice she has, he is won over entirely! The other girls seem pale in comparison to the 'unattractive' girl with the things he admires such as loyalty, honesty, stability, who comforts him and heals his wounds, whose advice is wise and good. How important is the physical plane in that case? And when he introduces her to his friends (who pity him), he thinks, 'Those poor idiots have no idea what an extraordinary wife I have, nor how much I adore her!'

Men who like to be seen with a beautiful, elegant woman sometimes find out after marrying her that despite the fact that everyone envies them and congratulates them, actually they have married a shrew who does nothing but torment them! They can be proud of her as a decoration, a beautiful jewel to display proudly at the opera, at parties, but a jewel that costs them dearly.

Again, my advice to the young is not to decide too quickly on marriage, but rather to study the laws of love. When they have learned how to love in the best way, how to be loved, how to bring up children, then let them go ahead and marry! But the way it is now, they rush into marriage and then, when the child is there and things become difficult, when illness and problems crowd their lives, they complain bitterly and rush to learn from doctors or lawyers or books, all because they were in too much of a rush and took things too lightly. Not after but before marriage is the time to learn how to make it successful.⁵

You say, 'But if we don't hurry we will be too old!' My answer to that is this question, 'Is it better to make a bad marriage or a late marriage?' What is the hurry? Are you so eager to spend your life suffering? I see girls three or four years after they have married, and sometimes they are so bowed down with worry and sorrow I hardly recognize them. Why not wait for Prince Charming? Then even if you are old and grey, he will rejuvenate you! At

ninety years of age you will look younger than you did at twenty!

Whether you wait or not, whether you choose with discernment or not, the truth is that whatever you do in a state of ignorance, with no preparation and no discipline, will be a failure. Marriage is something you must be prepared for... who will want you if you are not prepared? You say you want to marry a princess, a royal prince, but will he or she want to marry you? If you are ignorant, weak, and incompetent, you will find someone exactly like you, no better. Or, if you do marry the girl of your dreams, perhaps she will not be capable of understanding you, of expressing herself properly, of encouraging you or amusing you... because she cares only about herself. You will soon tire of her, beautiful as she may be, because she is not able to do anything for you spiritually, for your soul and spirit. And if a girl happens to marry the best fellow in the world, how can she be happy when she discovers she cannot satisfy him? Perhaps he is artistic, or musical, and she has no appreciation of art or music... perhaps he has spiritual aspirations and she, who feels none of what he feels, is miserable at being so far surpassed! If you have never done anything to make yourself worthy or interesting in any way, it is wiser not to marry a prince or princess.

The most important thing, and this everyone can do, is to learn how to be competent, to be prepared for any eventuality. If not, I warn you, even with the best person in the world, if you are not able to satisfy his higher side, sooner or later you will be abandoned for someone who is more intelligent, more gifted, more understanding and better prepared for marriage... you will be left with your tears. If you are prepared, if you have gathered a store of precious stones in the form of qualities that make you an exceptional person, then, yes, the one you love will always stay with you. Why would he leave, there is no one to equal you!

That is not the way young people think. When a girl decides she wants some particular boy, by hook or by crook she will get him... but will she hold on to him? Not if she has nothing inside, in any case not for long. It is better to prepare yourself, to give years to preparation. You object, 'By that time won't I be old and wrinkled?' Never mind that... you may be old on the outside but so young and beautiful inside that your royal prince will never dream of looking elsewhere.

Before starting a love affair, before you allow yourself to fall in love, learn from Initiatic Science the criteria for a happy marriage, and then be patient and wait until you find someone with whom you have a real affinity, someone with the magic knowledge of how to fulfill your ideals. Then you can trust that person with yourself to the end of your days... and live happily ever after! But unless you happen on someone like that, someone whose character completes yours, it is not worth the adventure, it will be too costly. No matter how long it takes, when you meet him or her, you will vibrate in unison with a love that only poets can describe, love that is literally a heavenly love. But it is really too bad to have hundreds of experiences, to wear yourself out by becoming soiled and disillusioned. It would be better not even to try to love. If love is what you are seeking, let it be the real thing or nothing at all!

Marriage, as I told you, is a reflection of the greatest mystery that exists. It takes place on high, between God and his wife, nature, or Isis. Humans have always rushed thoughtlessly into marriage but from now on you should be conscious of the profound mystery of this contract: a husband is meant to bring his wife all the qualities of his heavenly Father; a wife is meant to bring her husband all the qualities of her divine Mother, nature. Together they consciously give each other what each is lacking, and that mutual gift will keep their love alive eternally. Even when they are old, old, old, they will still love each other... more than on the first day! It may no longer be a question of the physical body, but rather the soul and spirit of the other that each one loves. Then what matter if the body is old and wrinkled? Behind the wrinkles shines the splendid soul in all its glory. And a soul is a priceless jewel.

III

Most people have such a limited concept of love that when they fall in love with someone they forget the rest of the world... nothing else exists for them. They become narrow, shrunken and introverted, no one can find them: they are lost in space. Because they have not yet understood that love also exists on a higher plane, they do nothing but diminish and impoverish love, they mutilate it. That love is not the divine Love that flows from God and

fills his creatures! Men and women should realize that love is not meant to be confined to one person, love is never limited, never stifling. True love embraces all creatures! It is therefore of far greater benefit than love that is exclusive.

Do not think because of this that the Teaching encourages loose behaviour! The Teaching is meant for those who realize that the old life will never bring them the plenitude, the fulfilment they seek, and who want a new way of life. The 'new' life has existed for many aeons, waiting to be discovered, but people were not ready to accept it, the revelations would have been too disturbing, too radical, they would have caused too many problems. As long as man is not evolved, it is better for his freedom to be limited, being tied to one partner keeps him from making too many silly mistakes! But those who know what to do with their freedom and would never use it harmfully, can be shown a new philosophy, a new morality.

To marry and have children is a good thing as long as husbands and wives are not too possessive and jealous and both have a wide concept of marriage.⁶ A husband must be able to rejoice at the fact that his wife loves the whole world, and a wife should be happy that her husband has room in his heart for others. Marriage and its magnificent traditions must be safe-guarded, the husband and wife must be able to love each other and all creatures, without transgressing any laws.

That is the solution. We are not against marriage, we do not advocate union without marriage as do so many countries today. In any case people have found after experimentation that freedom of that sort was no better and returned to the traditional solution. Had they known where to look, they would have discovered a third solution, the best one, for it exists. People always go from one extreme to the other without looking for a third way! It exists where love is concerned, and it is the best way, the only way, to love. As long as humans do not find this third solution they will be unsatisfied: celibates know that something is lacking and regret not having married, and married people are not happy and regret having taken the step! No one has found the right solution. When they do, married or not, they will always be happy, always fulfilled.

Marriage will never be abolished, of course! It has existed for so many

thousands of years that humans are atavistic about it... once abolished the problems would be worse, everyone would think, 'Now that the family does not matter any more, we are free, men and women alike... freedom is all that counts!' There would be repercussions, physically, psychically, socially, economically and, sooner or later, people would have to come back to the idea of the family. Then again they would tire of being tied down and again licentiousness and depravity would take over, until exhausted and disgusted, they would have to admit that family life is better... and so on from one extreme to the other until they finally discover the third solution.

The third solution does not lie in the family nor in free love, it lies in wisdom and intelligence and in the realization that other aspects of love exist, in which both husband and wife have a more noble, more evolved concept of life together, and both are allowed complete freedom.

People cannot now accept this idea of love, too many old convictions restrain them. But in the future when two evolved people marry, they will give each other mutual freedom, each one will be allowed to love all creatures. A wife will understand her husband and the husband will understand his wife. Both will become filled with light, because they are living the real life, climbing toward perfection through love. That is the third solution. If you cannot find a wife or husband who will give you this freedom then it is best not to marry; if people are so narrow, selfish and possessive, it is better not to be tied down to them and have to spend your whole life being wretched.

The Initiatic philosophy condemns neither love nor marriage, on the contrary, it teaches people to love each other more fully, to be happier because they see things as they are. Is it reasonable to expect someone to concentrate all his attention, all his thoughts and love on a single man or woman? To love is natural but we should know where to concentrate our love to reap the most benefit. Marry if you will, have numerous children and be faithful to one husband... but have no illusion: a husband, a wife, can give you no more than he has.

All women reflect the glory of cosmic Woman, their beauty is a reflection of the divine Mother, nature, who incorporates all beauty, who is Perfection, and all men reflect, to a greater or lesser degree, the splendour and glory of

God. If you love one man or one woman only, you will never be satisfied, never fulfilled, because perfection is never in one person, no human being is perfect.

One thing I am sure of is that love is all-powerful. All human hysteria and neurotic depressions come from the energy of love being misdirected, misused, misunderstood. We must send our love higher, all the way to God, the heavenly Father, and nature, the divine Mother.

I am not saying no one should love unless they can see the divine Mother in all women or the heavenly Father in all men, for very few are capable of that. Most people can love only one person at a time, at least at the moment. To love one man or one woman is wonderful but... why not love all men and women through him or her? Perhaps it is too difficult for you to understand this concept of love now but, with the Light of the Teaching, in time men and women will no longer be jealous, their personality will no longer limit their love.

What makes a man jealous? his ignorance. A husband who is alone with his wife thinks he can be sure of her, but does he know what goes on in her head, what ideas and images come and go? She is no doubt communicating with the invisible world, with entities in the earth, water and air... even when she is looking at the sun, angels come down and kiss her and bring her gifts! The husband says nothing because he sees nothing. On the physical plane it is different, there he grabs a gun if someone looks at her. Such ignorance!

If you give all your love to one man, he will be proud and happy to see that you are his slave and can do nothing without him, but it is not so sure you will be happy! And if a husband is dependent as a slave, it will satisfy a woman's vanity to know that someone cannot live without her, but is it a good thing for the man? For thousands of years men and women have put chains around each other in order to satisfy their vanity and possessivity, without realizing that this way of loving might be contrary to happiness, even to common sense: as long as their egocentricity is satisfied, never mind common sense! Men become tyrants where love is concerned, and so do women, but when Light is thrown on this question the old order will change. You say, if it changes because the family disappears, it will be chaos and anarchy all over the world! No, what you must understand is that this love

goes much further, it flows all the way to God. Real love allows a man and woman to understand each other and help each other, to work together without jealousy, for a divine goal. Their marriage is a blessing to the whole world.

¹ See *Angels and other Mysteries of The Tree of Life*, Izvor Coll. n° 236, chap. 10: ‘The Cosmic Family and the Mystery of the Trinity’.

² See *Cosmic Balance – The Secret of Polarity*, Izvor Coll. n° 237, chap. 15: ‘Union of the Ego with the Physical Body’.

³ See *Harmony and Health*, Izvor Coll. n° 225.

⁴ See *Cosmic Balance – The Secret of Polarity*, Izvor Coll. n° 237, chap. 17: ‘The Androgynes of Myth’.

⁵ See *Education Begins Before Birth*, Izvor Coll. n° 203, chap. 1: ‘The First Priority: Educating Parents’.

⁶ See *A Philosophy of Universality*, Izvor Coll. n° 206, chap. 7: ‘For a Universal Notion of the Family’.

Chapter Four

LOVE FREELY GIVEN

Couples come to see me, together or separately, each accusing the other of infidelity, but when I discover the truth, I see that it is all imaginary... why do we invent these things? We are so fearful of losing the one we love that we deliberately torment him! 'It's because I love you so much, darling, I torture you because I love you so much!' What logic!

It also happens that a wife is unhappy because her husband is not jealous! He loves her, he deprives her of nothing and gives her everything she wants including her freedom... whereupon, instead of being grateful and rejoicing, she worries and suspects him of having a mistress! Must he put her in chains and behave like a dragon for her to be happy? Even then she would find some reason to be unhappy, for human nature is not easy to satisfy, believe me! When a husband gives his wife freedom she complains, 'Why does he want me to be free? He must have someone else!' And when he is tyrannical, despotic, she weeps and rushes into another man's arms... in order to be free!

If you want to possess someone entirely for yourself, if you cannot bear to share him or her with others and are constantly afraid of losing them... that is when jealousy takes over: jealousy is the fear of losing your 'possession,' the object that 'belongs' to you. Where is it written that your wife or husband belongs to you, that they are your property? You may have known them for two years or for twenty years, but they were alive long before you knew them; they have their parents, their creator, and existed millions of years before you came upon them. No one belongs to you! A husband says, 'She is my wife...' yes, she is your wife now, but for how long? God alone knows. What you really are is associates, partners, co-workers, no more, and, if you wish to avoid serious misunderstandings and even greater unhappiness, you should consider your wife as your willing associate (or unwilling, as the case may be). You have undertaken a task together, the building of a house, for instance, for when you bring a child into the world it is the same as building a house: the child is at first pure spirit, come from far, far away and you, his parents, are there to build the house of his body, brick by brick.

The fear of losing someone you 'own' is the cause of much misunderstanding. How can you be afraid of losing something or someone unless you think you own him? You do not own anyone. And by using every means at your disposal to hold on to him, by torturing the poor thing, you may gain your way, but what is it you gain? Suppose you have married a great beauty... can you stop other men from staring at her, admiring and even coveting her? Opportunities to meet and follow her are everywhere, in groups of friends, in business, the theatre, on the street, etc., everyone will want to admire her and, unless you are reasonable, you will suffer. Like the person who has a beautiful garden... can he prevent the lovely fragrance of his flowers from being appreciated by passers-by? What you are guarding so jealously is, after all, only the body, the shell of your beloved, the outside envelope; the real person, the essence of a person, is his mind, his feelings, which it is impossible to enclose or limit. It is the greatest of illusions to think you can imprison the human soul... just as if you tried to control each grain of sand, or the blowing of the wind, the soul cannot be directed or contained. You can hold the physical body, but not the mysterious illusive being inside it.

Some people use magic to make a man or woman do what they want. There exist many kinds of formulas and magic processes to ensnare people, but I do not advise you to try them.¹ Why? Because even if you do force a man or woman to love you (even to fall desperately in love with you, for everything under the sun is possible!) you will never know what that person is really thinking when you hold him or her in your arms. The entities you have summoned through your powerful formulas will install themselves and then it is not that person's spirit that loves you, but the lower entities you have evoked, which, if you saw them, would make your hair stand on end! You would supplicate the powers of heaven to release you from them. It is never a good idea to cast a spell to get your way, for even if you obtain what you want, it will be poisonous for you and will eventually destroy you. The entities of the lower astral world can be evoked and your will imposed upon people, but still their spirit will be free, it will never really be yours.

So, why fear the loss of someone's body, his house or shell? What is that compared to the joy of having his spirit working side by side, in harmony with yours? You say the best thing would be to have both body and spirit...

true, but only if the methods you use to conquer them are correct, in agreement with spiritual laws. You will never succeed by force, by anger, by unnatural means... you are more likely to lose everything. If your attitude is such that the free spirit becomes attached to you and never again wants to leave you, that means you know the science of love! To make someone love you of his own free will, without being forced or coerced, you have only one recourse, one means, which is never to think anything negative about him, always to send him the most positive, splendid, luminous and pure thoughts. Even with a person who is cold and cruel, if you are patient enough and bear everything he does, if you go on helping him and loving him in spite of himself, sooner or later he will love you, with a love as pure and divine as your love.

Someone will say, 'But if you do not guard your wife jealously, she will go off and do all kinds of silly things.' No, there you are wrong; she will do silly things only if you are jealous of her, and you will never know it, for a woman is such a good liar, deceptive enough to fool Almighty God himself! Only an idiot would think he could hold on to a woman unless that is what she wants. Her husband can shut her up in a tower, but little does he know: she will summon the devil himself to come and amuse her in order to get back at her husband!²

Jealousy is always disastrous. If a wife hears her husband say all the time that she is unfaithful, she will finish by thinking, 'Why not? It might be interesting...' She may have been totally faithful until then, with no thought or desire to cheat, but if her husband is always suspicious and nags at her all the time, he himself creates the conditions on the astral plane that make his wife do what she is accused of! Not only will she be unfaithful, but she will convince him of her innocence, 'Rest assured, darling, I wouldn't lie to you. I am telling the truth!' And he who refused to believe her when she was telling the truth, now believes implicitly in her lies!

Jealousy denotes a lack of intelligence, for it shows that you do not see how free the soul and spirit are, nor how impossible, how wrong it is to try to possess people. It is the subtle side in others that we must consider and deal with, the higher being which is much more than the physical body. Once we realize that, we become more tolerant and the methods we use with the one we love will be more delicate, more noble and intelligent. And then when he

sees that you are not trying to take from him and that he can have confidence in your good intentions he will like you, even love you, and care for you as you care for him! Everything depends on your attitude. When you are not afraid, neither are you tense, vindictive, suspicious, possessive; calmly and in complete control, you find the right solution to all your problems.

Even if your wife stops loving you, could you not say to yourself that her soul is free, that she never really 'belonged' to you? Nor was she meant to love you forever: in other incarnations, before she loved you, there were others whom she loved, and after you there will be many more no doubt. Why be so distressed? Will you always love her? Have you loved her since the beginning of the world, the creation? No. Well then, why not realize how unfair it is to ask so much from someone else when you consider yourself free to do whatever comes into your head .

Jealousy darkens the spirit and drags us down into the lower regions of sensuality and fear. After a scene of jealousy, there is always a sensual scene when violent love takes over. If you want to avoid being in the grip of unbridled sensuality, you must avoid all manifestation of jealousy, otherwise you will be completely 'possessed,' you won't even know how it happened. How often a husband finds himself caught in a frenzied outburst of sexual passion following upon a terrible scene with his wife or mistress (even after swearing to abandon her once and for all). In the end he loses all dignity in order to obtain one little caress from her! Jealousy is not a good counselor, jealousy comes directly from the infernal regions, from hell; it urges people to do insane things they later regret, but it is too late: you have killed your beloved in a fit of jealousy, and there is nothing left for you but to weep your heart out and commit suicide.

A disciple of the Initiatic Science must be done with all feeling of jealousy. It is disgraceful for someone who knows the laws to be a victim of that kind of anguish. If his wife leaves him, let him say to himself, 'I am sorry to lose her, it will make me suffer, but there is so much else to think about and work for, God, the Light, the Teaching, the Master... I have so much in the way of riches!' You may not be able to be generous if all you have is one loaf of bread, but if you have all kinds of loaves, then you will give gladly, knowing you will never be hungry. Jealousy is the sign of poverty. If you are rich inwardly, you will never be afraid of being left alone;

even if everyone else leaves you, hundreds and thousands of spirits will come and visit you!

The only way to be free of jealousy is to raise your love onto a higher plane. A woman who falls in love with a man because of the keenness of his mind, his superior knowledge and greater intelligence, will want the whole world to appreciate him, she is happiest when she can share him... because her love is of another sort, above the love you see ordinarily, the physical attraction that makes a girl fall in love with a man's little moustache, his big muscles!

It is most important to know how to transform your love: if it is highly sensual, then jealousy will be linked to it, inseparably. The more your love is physical, the more you want the object of your love to belong to you only, the more jealousy there will be. But if you love him spiritually, you will want nothing so much as to share the joy of loving him.

Marriage is a marvellous institution. In order not to make it an unhappy experience, the most important rule is never to consider your partner as your property, otherwise you inevitably run into opposition and contradiction when you find out, sooner or later, that your husband or wife does not belong to you. Whoever they are existed long before you came along and will exist long after you have met... you did not create them. Think of your partner as your associate, your fellow worker during this existence and... let him be free! If he yearns to do something for you, rejoice, but remember, he is not held by any law, he linked himself with you of his own free will. Before you he was linked to someone else, many others, and your link with him is temporary, not permanent. If it were, you would be his twin soul and live in perfect harmony; as this is not the case, it must be that you have never known each other before and are probably meeting for the first time. Each woman has had many husbands (too many to count), and each man has had countless wives... in which case, why torment yourself and live under an illusion? Both should say to themselves, 'We are married partners and associates, here to do a work that is important... that is all there is to say.' If the relationship they form as a result of that thinking is a good one, they will most likely be together again... why not?

Are things becoming a little clearer? I feel, as in the case of everything I

talk to you about, that I have not talked enough on this subject, but I trust that, with the grace of God and your goodwill, we will be able to keep explaining these problems until you can become happy and free at last, like true sons and daughters of God. Yes, happy, free, and at peace with all your wives, husbands and children!

¹ See *The Book of Divine Magic*, Izvor Coll. n° 226, chap. 1: ‘The Danger of the Current Revival of Magic’.

² See *Love Greater Than Faith*, Izvor Coll. n° 239, chap. 10: ‘Base your trust on vigilance’.

Chapter Five

LOVE ON THE LOWER PLANE

I

The concept of love has evolved during the course of time. Where primitive man was concerned, love was violent and brutal and sensual, a volcano in eruption, a raging sea! But in time came awareness and sensitivity, which in turn brought elements such as delicacy and tenderness, man became more gentle. Nevertheless even today love remains a primitive manifestation. The instinctive and impulsive love that man has given way to over the centuries is now so deeply ingrained that it never occurs to him to raise his love onto a higher plane. For the moment at least, love has nothing noble about it, it is more like brute force and it usually ends in carnage.

People throw themselves on each other without preamble, with no sense of the aesthetic, the poetic; they are hungry and 'eat' until they have had enough, whereupon 'love' is over; after a brief pause the pangs of hunger send them on the prowl for more 'food.' Even people who belong to so-called cultivated society, are like savages in the way they consider love, they simply devour each other with no thought for beauty or harmony, their 'love' has nothing spiritual about it. Even when they make an attempt for the sake of their partner to refine their passion and be less primitive in their attitude, still it is far from real love, it is only the trimmings.

Love is a magnificent impulse, but for its true nature, its essence, to be able to bloom, it must be stripped of all passion. There is something divine in all the aspects of love but, like a precious stone, it must be unearthed before its true essence can shine in all its perfection. Like a new-born animal, a baby: the first thing the mother does is to wash off the traces of its birth. It is the same with love. Love is divine in the same way that the child is divine, for behind all love is God, only it must be cleansed and purified and learn to stand on its own feet, strong and free from all attachments, before the Divine can shine through. The most base, the most sensual love contains a divine

quintessence, but it is covered over with so many layers of dirt, it has passed through so many dubious places and picked up so much mud since the beginning of time that it needs to be made pure again. Everything that is born, even when it comes originally from heaven, must go through layers of dirt, the lower thoughts and desires and illusions that wrap them, like precious stones, in a casing of mud and filth which must be removed before their perfection can be seen.

As long as man does not realize that he needs to be purified, no matter how fervent his ardour to attain heaven, his love will be tarnished as it passes through the lower regions of his being. Love is divine life, it comes down from heaven into the lower regions, cleansing them with celestial waters. Love is an energy similar to solar energy, with the same quality of light and warmth and life but, in its descent, it picks up impurities as it flows through the lower regions. This does not mean it was not absolutely pure and crystal-clear at the top of the mountain, but in passing through regions where love is the only means to pleasure or to perpetuate the race... it becomes tarnished.

The question arises: since love is divine energy, the most potent of all energies and essential to man, how can we restore it to its original purity? The first thing to realize is that love has many thousands of degrees and only if you control your thoughts and consciously transform the energy you feel, will love be restored to its original purity and light.

Now your love will be beneficial instead of destructive. Do not wait to hold someone in your arms before learning the laws and practising them, learn to use them and apply them in all your daily activities long before you love someone in particular.

For instance, you know that the food that you eat each day must be prepared before you can swallow it, certain parts are indigestible and must be removed. All fish, cheese, fruit, vegetables, need to be washed, peeled, scraped or the bones removed before they can be put on the table and eaten. Being a little more evolved than the animals, man is more selective about his food: why is it that he makes no selection at all when it is a question of his inner 'food,' his thoughts and emotions? He swallows everything whole! When lovers are together, why do they never think of removing the impurities before 'eating'? They let in the seeds of illness and death through

their embraces, their blindness to the harmful elements in their 'food.' Death creeps in when love is uncontrolled and outside the Light, yet we praise and glorify that love in song and verse! If you mention the existence of higher forms of love, people think you are mad....

Nutrition is the beginning, everything starts with the food you allow in to your system. In the past, people said grace and invited the Lord to share their meal and washed the dirt off their hands before sitting down to the table, a habit which still exists among simple folk, but which has certainly been abandoned by more sophisticated people, imbued with 'culture' and the supreme importance of the intellect. The washing of hands, the invitation to the Lord to share a meal, were profoundly meaningful, ancient rites. It was the initiates who instigated the custom originally, and what they were really saying to their disciples was this: Before loving someone, before taking him into your arms, invite the Angels to partake of the feast... and above all wash your hands, that is, purify yourself in order not to bring him your filth, your sickness, discouragement and grief.¹ Of course this is not what people do, it is when they are unhappiest, at their worst, that they rush to kiss their loved one, in order to be comforted and forget. What about the other person? He will be robbed of all strength and inspiration and receive nothing but melancholy and lassitude in exchange! When you are unhappy or ill it is not the time to kiss the one you love, it is the time to say, Right now I am poor, I have nothing to give but misery and dirt: I will wash off this ugliness and not go anywhere until I am better prepared to give the best in me! But that is not the way people think now. When they do they will be ashamed of having brought others so much ugliness in the guise of love. You say, 'But the whole world does that in order to be comforted!' The fact that the whole world behaves selfishly and stupidly and ignorantly does not mean you must do the same! On the contrary, you must learn to love not as the world loves but as the sun loves, as Angels love, as great Masters love... without stealing, without asking for anything at all, without pouring your anguish out on others... only by giving.

When you are aware of being poorer than usual and have nothing to offer, that is the time to stay away from people, even those you love most, because you will do nothing but take from them. Humans are really extraordinary, they distribute riches when they feel like it... but when they are poor and unhappy, like common thieves, they steal from everyone including the one

they love.

In love as in nutrition, the first rule is not to taste the food until you have separated good from bad. It is most important to be able to tell one feeling from the other, to know the difference between selfish feelings and impersonal ones, feelings that limit the other person and those that liberate him, feelings that perturb and feelings that make everything harmonious. To acquire that knowledge you must be vigilant at all times. If your attention wanders because you are carried away, you will not be present at the borderline when the enemy tries to filter through and undermine your kingdom! It is essential not to be carried away, but to be vigilant and careful all the time, and that is precisely what people do not want. They want to lose control, they want to stop thinking, to be drunk with passion... that is their idea of love! Unless you are drunk, there is no enjoyment, they say. How do they know? Did they ever try being vigilant, controlling their lower feelings in order to connect with the higher currents and experience other joys of a higher order? How can they possibly pronounce themselves on the subject of love?

To explain my statement about the lower forms of love bringing death, let us look at what Astrology says on the subject. The Zodiac is a living book that reflects everything that exists on earth; the initiates get their great truths concerning life and the world from the twelve constellations of the Zodiac which created and fashioned all forms of existence. If you want to solve a philosophic problem, look as I do and have done often in front of you, in the great Living Book of Nature, the Zodiac, at the signs concerning love and death. Many signs are concerned with love, particularly Taurus and Libra, which are the home of Venus. Taurus represents sensual love, the fertility of nature. Apis the Bull, Taurus, the symbol of fertility, was worshiped by the Egyptian priests who performed magic ceremonies to entice abundance. The other home of Venus, Libra the Balance, represents the higher, purer love... which does not necessarily mean that all those who have Venus in Libra manifest only divine love in their lives, for many negative elements are also involved, but, generally speaking, Libra is the sign of spiritual love, love that is sensitive to beauty, poetry, music, art. The love of a Taurus person must touch and taste, but the love of Libra is content to look and listen.²

Taurus and Libra should be examined in relationship to their opposite

signs, Scorpio and Aries. Scorpio is linked with the genitals, a fact that emphasizes the sensual nature of Taurus; it also represents the eighth House, or house of death, showing that when love is primitive and man has no discernment, the seeds of death are present to create arguments, differences of opinion, rebellions, war, destruction. The sign of Libra on the other hand is linked to Aries, which represents the head, that is, courage and daring, a desire to explore and progress, to climb toward the heights, to excel, to sacrifice yourself. The Christ was often shown as the Lamb, the Ram or Aries. Aries, being the head, symbolizes measure, wisdom, reason, rather than passion or wrath. Aries represents germination, favouring everything that lives and grows: when a plant starts to grow, it means it is enlightened, it has reached discernment and has rejected death, now life can spring forth and flow.

Because it is linked to its opposite, Libra, Aries represents spiritual love, protected from impurity by vigilant thoughts. Aries is the first sign of the Zodiac, the sign of Spring and rebirth,³ and represents the love of the sun, spiritual love flowing with light, warmth and life, the love of an initiate that is pure because it is watched over by thoughts standing at the frontier like customs officers, preventing the harmful elements from entering. If your thoughts are present while you kiss your beloved, you are aware of what happens inside both of you, you link yourself and her to the sublime Higher Intelligence and make discoveries that will fill you with tremendous power and control. Is it worth sacrificing that glorious opportunity for the sake of being drunk with passion?

Before taking your beloved in your arms, if you call on the light as if you were saying grace, asking God to bless the food before you share your meal, you will be giving her divine things she has never received before, which will make her soul eternally grateful. Your love brings her nearer to the Christ, to her divine Mother, which is the most constructive way to love. You say, 'Why bring Christ and the divine Mother into a relationship, how can that make anyone happy?' Those are the only conditions under which you will be happy; no bitterness, lassitude or regret will enter into this love and it will last forever, it is the only love that is free of an unhappy aftermath. Otherwise, you are like a thief, who exults at the moment but from then on is always tormented by the thought that he may have been seen and will be apprehended... no more peace for him. And that is what happens to a selfish

love, there is no rest, there is no peace. You say, ‘Why, yes there is! We are extremely peaceful!’ Animals also can be peaceful when they are guilty: look at the cat who has just swallowed a mouse, how calmly she licks her paws! Once you know a little more, once you are a little more evolved, then peace does not come under those conditions.

You object, saying that I am asking the impossible. Yes, I realize that. But I also realize that when you know the truth, the ideal solution to certain problems, you progress much faster even if you do not show it immediately. When you know the truth, it goes to work to bring you nearer and nearer to perfection, but without the truth you never even come half-way! Opportunity lies before you when you know the truth; even if other things need to be worked out, you have an image of the ideal.

The question of love will be even more significant to future generations, everything else will seem pale in comparison. Love will be the world’s principal preoccupation, of utmost importance, because people will realize by then that the way to perfection and divinity is through love, loving divinely. God is love and love is God; if you have a good understanding of love, you have a good understanding of God, you know God.

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II

When you love someone you never ask yourself how you love him, all you say is, ‘I love him, I love him!’ and no one doubts you. It is called love even if it is only desire or lust, a need, an appetite. As long as the feeling is there it must be given in to, no need to reason, better if the mind is silent! Before a heart filled with love, the mind has no voice; the heart says, ‘Be still! I, the

heart, am in charge here... what have you to say in this matter?' But the form and colour of love are greatly enhanced by the mind and heart working together.

The less evolved you are, the more you give in to the insistence of love, without thinking or analysing your feelings to see if your love is pure and disinterested or not. The subject of all our novels and plays and films is that: the adventures of those who love each other without thinking! What would authors and poets and playwrights do without all the despair, revenge, murder and suicide at their disposal? There is enough to interest people forever... even morticians and firemen! Yes, somebody whose love has been spurned sets fire to a house in revenge... and as a result bells ring, sirens scream, horns blow, all hell breaks loose! The rest of the world has to stand aside as the fire engines rush by to put out the fire lit by some incendiary who has fallen in love!

In the Initiatic sanctuaries of old, in the Great Mysteries, people were taught that love was the way to perfection and true freedom. Today it is the opposite. Humans limit and degrade each other with their form of love, they learn infernal things from it such as jealousy, torment, hatred, rebellion, all the negative things, they think only of satisfying themselves with no thought or care for their partner. People tear each other apart and ruin their lives without a thought for the other person's future, health, honour or reputation... never mind that, as long as they satisfy their hunger. So goes the world.

Why does no one study the Initiatic Science in order to learn the nature of this need, what its vibrations are, what category to place it in, whether it is divine or diabolic, selfish or generous, beautiful or ugly, right or wrong? All they know, all they care about, is that they feel a need and whether it comes from heaven or hell is not their concern. They are no more than animals really, or worse, for animals follow their instincts at a precise moment, a certain season, whereas human beings are obsessed night and day, their sensuality takes on depraved, ugly and distorted aspects that nature never intended.

What should a disciple's attitude be? In order for his actions to be right always, he must think, he must question himself, 'I love this girl, of that I am sure... but what is my love going to do for her? Will it help her advance, will

it make her free or will it complicate life for her?' No one thinks that way, and, by the time the child appears, the chances are the father has already left the mother to fend for herself. All because he was hungry. Nor does a girl think about the future of the boy she seduces, she deliberately awakens his lower instincts (a woman has the power to stir even the coldest of men!) and then, poor thing, he will never be at peace again. Does she care? Not at all, she is proud of her conquest, it proves her irresistible charm!

Disciples are taught to think about their partner and, as they already know the laws of Reincarnation and Karma, they know that if what they do is harmful, they will have to come back again to repair their error, usually in sorrow and suffering.⁴ If only for that reason, they try to love their husband or wife in as noble and impersonal a way as possible, instead of breaking up and going off in different directions. Nor do they try to control and dominate the other (if not entirely crush him) with their lack of understanding. As it is now, a wife will not try to see things from her husband's point of view, she does nothing but complain, demand, criticize... and the husband does his best to dominate and use her, if not subjugate her completely... an extraordinary display of selfishness! Men and women would do better to understand and respect each other; it would help them with the task they have been given to do together. The husband might say to himself, 'I want to make sure my wife is happy, that she lacks for nothing, that I have not broken any of the promises I made her...' and the wife should wonder if she is doing her utmost to make her husband happy. Thus they would form the habit of going outside their narrow little circle if only for a few instants, forgetting their prejudices and convictions, and in that way they would learn so much, have such revelations, and so much would become apparent to them! Then the horizon stretches to infinity and they perceive a whole new field of activity.

In general, husbands and wives (don't talk to me about them!) have the same tendency, to take, possess, tie down. Would it not be better to avoid marriage and be free to work on making all mankind happy instead of one woman... who in any case will never be happy? You say, 'Why not make one woman happy?' Because it isn't possible, it is far easier to make the entire world happy than to satisfy one woman. Why? Because whatever you do she will never be satisfied. When her husband is dead and gone, she may recognize his qualities, his generosity, but while he is still there, to her he is no more than an imbecile, a no-good, the neighbour is far more capable, look

at all the jewels and cars and television sets and furs his wife has! Even when you bend over backwards, even if you hand her the moon on a silver platter, you will never content a woman!

Do not think I am urging you to separate from your husband! ‘Well,’ you say. ‘That is the only conclusion to come to after listening to you.’ Not at all, it is good to marry and have children, but you must know how to think about marriage before embarking upon it. If the wife is wise and thinks of her husband as an aspect of the heavenly Father (a slightly clumsy, distorted aspect to be sure) then, instead of complaining about him all the time, she would have a perfect idea of him in mind. It would make it easier to accept his imperfections and live in the hope of seeing him become divine one day. In the meanwhile there may be a few inconveniences to bear because of him, but if she can say, ‘O, my husband! I must have done something to deserve him in other incarnations, (justice does exist), but if I accept the way things are in this incarnation, this passing moment, it will give me a chance to learn and to improve.’ This way of thinking will keep her from incurring more debts that will have to be paid off in future lives, and she will erase all the old debts at the same time. By behaving selfishly and perhaps leaving him, she will increase the debt and be faced with the same husband in each incarnation until the debt is paid off one way or the other. It is worth accepting this philosophy if only to be free! The husband could ask himself, ‘Why is it that from two billion women I had to choose this one?’ But if he thinks about it he will see that it was not by chance: there were so many others, but no, he had to pick that very one precisely because she makes him work inwardly (to think!), she forces him to develop certain qualities and virtues he never would have had otherwise. Unfortunately we were not taught to believe in reincarnation, karma or the law of cause and effect, and we do not ever reason this way.⁵

By thinking of her husband as a manifestation of the heavenly Father, the wife is magically linked to him: how could such a link not bring results? From that moment on, the heavenly qualities of the Father will start to pour into this man, he will change without even knowing why; it is because his wife, in loving him and telling him how intelligent and handsome and wise he is, has linked him to the heavenly Father. Perhaps he is nothing, no good at all, but her thoughts and prayers go to work inside his head and make him do everything to keep from disappointing her! This enlightened wife

improves herself by making these efforts in her husband's behalf at the same time that she transforms her husband!

People used to divorce much less than they do now, now they cannot bear to remain together for more than a few months. They are both so selfish, so personal and self-centred, each one pulls the covers over to his side! There is no such thing as stability: soon the family will no longer exist. People who are married should not separate without first considering things very carefully, there are always other solutions; and those who are not yet married should not be in a hurry, let them study every aspect carefully, for once they are married it is preferable not to divorce. You must learn to live harmoniously and lovingly ahead of time in order to lead a model family life when you do marry and settle down.

Some time ago a couple came to see me. The man was married, the father of two children, but he wanted to divorce and marry the young woman who accompanied him. I said to him, There are two things you can do. One is to have all the pleasure and personal satisfaction you wish and do nothing for anyone else. If you choose that path, in order to be happy supposedly, you have to break certain laws, this path which has been trodden by all the sensualists, egotists and weaklings of the world, will make you run into debt and one day the memory of having based your future on the unhappiness of others will make you feel great remorse and regret. In the end, you will be neither happy nor satisfied, for shortly after you have obtained what you long for now you will be sated, and then the regrets will begin. I do not advise you to take this path. The other thing you can do is to take the path of sacrifice and abnegation, grandeur and nobleness of character, the divine path which many have chosen, and become exceptional people because of it. This path will make you reflect as you struggle to surmount your desire, and eventually you will become master of the situation. There are no regrets on this luminous path of duty and obedience to divine Will, nothing but peace and self-respect.

To the young woman I said, Why, among two billion men on earth, must you choose one who is married? Do you want to break up an entire family and demolish him? Will you be proud of having done that later? You should have let him be. 'But we love each other!' Yes, I have heard that before, but that is the kind of love we must do away with.

Again I spoke to the husband: If you gratify this desire you will have to come back in another incarnation to pay the debt you have incurred against your wife. Your wife will suffer when you leave her, especially as she has done nothing to deserve such treatment... do you think destiny will let you go free? You will have many debts to pay: it is not worth being so burdened. Here you are given the light of the Teaching, and all the methods to help you... do you want to leave all that too? If you were not a disciple in this Initiatic School I might understand your behaving stupidly, as the rest of the world behaves, and I would excuse you, but under the circumstances what you are thinking of is inexcusable. You have the extraordinary privilege of knowing how to act and what to do in order to be an exceptional being, capable of helping others.

Then I addressed myself to both of them: Now, choose. If you follow this path that is tempting you, I can predict step by step what will happen to you. After that, they went away, determined to follow my advice. This was a pleasant surprise for I was not expecting it. I asked the husband to bring his wife to see me, her presence being necessary before I could reveal the methods I know for such cases.

Adulterous husbands and wives exist all over the world today who, by making others suffer, are taking on a heavy Karma which will take many incarnations to pay off. These things should be considered carefully before giving in to the insistent call of the lower nature.

Of course some people think their way of loving is perfect and should remain as it is forever, it will always be a great pleasure to eat, drink and have fun together... which is no doubt true. Others find that a whole dimension is lacking in their lives, a divine dimension.⁶ In order to evolve, really evolve, each one must ask himself, 'In what way do I love? With what kind of love? What are my dearest hopes and desires?' and then try to raise your love up to the highest level of expression. Through that love you will gain a glimpse of Eternity and Everlasting Life!

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Chapter Six

LOVE ON THE HIGHER PLANE

I

Although so many marriages end in failure, men and women go on thinking deep down within themselves that they are bound to find their kindred spirit one day, that everything will then be marvellous and divine and completely fulfilling for them. Where does this hope originate? In the deeply buried knowledge or remembrance that in the divine world above, the union of the two principles, masculine and feminine, takes place in the greatest purity and splendour. The reason men and women do not find what they seek is that they unite on too low a plane. Sometimes for a second or two they are able to taste and experience ecstasy and unity, but it happens rarely and at best for a very limited time, after which they see even more clearly how different and separate each one is, how illusory their hope. The fact that they are disappointed shows that they have no idea of the truth, the real marriage. True marriage between a man and woman is the union that takes place in their soul and spirit, in purity and light. Then, yes, happiness is possible, their dreams and hopes will be realized.¹

Humans carry this truth deep down inside, it is not their beliefs or lofty aspirations that are wrong but their search, the object of their search. Man's error is in forgetting, in pushing aside the fact that a Higher Intelligence exists, incomparable as far as love, kindness and generosity are concerned and from whom we receive everything we have, our life, our bodies, our health, our food, the water we drink, the air we breathe, the flowers, fruit, and... above all, the sun. That is reality, a reality far more vast, rich, beautiful and filled with light than anything else that exists in heaven or earth. Man forgets primal cause, the divine being who is always instructing us and giving us power, wisdom, eternal life... man forgets all that, and imagines he will find happiness, health and total satisfaction in some little creature made of flesh and bone, so limited, so ignorant, weak and ill, so fearful as to be afraid of its own shadow! What is it about humans, what are they thinking of to give

all their love, strength and energy, all their heart to some weakling who can bring them nothing but added burdens and regret? How could they forget the essential, the divine model, so quickly and easily?

I know you will say, 'But the being you speak of is so far away!² It is hard to think he exists when you can neither see him nor touch Him, whereas with an attractive person, all perfumed and pretty and real, you can touch all you like and get answers and be caressed in the bargain!' I know, I know your reasons for preferring to share your life with someone who is as inadequate and ignorant of the truth as you are... rather than the Creator of all worlds. What you do not realize is that this very minor person you let into your heart will contaminate it sooner or later.

I want you to understand that I am not saying you should not love each other, I am saying that you should not put a mere mortal in first place in your life. Fill your heart and soul with God first of all, and then if there is any room left on the physical plane, in your bed, say, then you can take somebody to fill your lonely hours. But the most important thing is to love God above all else, to be grateful to him and recognize not only that he exists but that he is the one who gives you everything you have including your life. Fill your soul with the splendour and glory of the Light of Lights, and then, if you must, I have no objection to your taking a partner. The thing to remember is not to put a man or woman in first place because then everything in your life will be upside down.

A real spiritualist makes sure first of all that God fills his heart and soul, mind and spirit... and then if someone comes along who makes him think of his Creator, he will choose her as his co-worker on the physical plane, because he feels there is something about her that brings him closer to the divine Source, like a messenger from the divine world. This is altogether different. But to go falling in love with someone who does nothing to enlighten you, who fills you with jealousy and destructive chaotic thoughts rather than purity and nobleness of character, who takes you further and further away from the Lord, that is nothing short of insanity. I have seen so many people tie themselves down to someone who cut them off from heaven, from the higher world of prayer and meditation, from all self-improvement, and let themselves be absorbed in stupidities without seeing the black pit they were falling into! No discernment, no criteria! I am not against marriage,

friendship, exchanges and associations, but I want you to know a few truths before you become involved! To forget the source of divine love that quenches our thirst night and day and not to work toward that source but to seek some insignificant creature in the swamps as the way to eternal happiness and fulfillment... is madness.

Once you have studied Initiatic Science and learned to drink from the inexhaustible source of light, love, loving-kindness, generosity, then yes, go amongst the others all you like, to help them and enlighten and restore them to life. But, to ignore the sublime reality, to cut oneself off and wish to remain ignorant in order to have adventures in the swamp along with the other toads and reptiles... that is incomprehensible. Yet it is what most humans do! They plunge into the mire and then they tear their hair out and weep with longing to be free without knowing how, and in the end, they fight and kill each other.

The first thing is to learn at the feet of someone who is wise and knows these truths. No one does, people prefer to be ignorant and plunge into passionate and stupid adventures with everyone else! Why do as the rest of the world does? If you imitate the world you will be as unhappy and frustrated and ill as everyone in the world....

Is that the way you want to live your life? It is not the world you should imitate but the small number of initiates who live in the world, who have found Light, freedom, peace and the meaning of life: they are the ones who can help you for they know all the reasons and have every means at their command.

Remember, as long as you do not seek love at the source and are content with a few minor condensations, a little sprinkling of love come upon by chance that is neither pure nor transparent... you will be unhappy and you will never find what you are looking for. But if you seek love where it exists abundantly, in the divine world, in God himself, then your love will nourish you from then on, you will feel it and drink it and be fulfilled from then on, it will surprise you to be so happy! You will think, 'But how can this be? I have neither wife nor child, nothing, and yet I am filled with love, bursting with love!'

The first thing is to find the divine source of love and then, if you wish,

look elsewhere for crumbs, a few drops of human love, but next to the source they will be meagre fare. What can you do with a few drops of dew? You say, 'Well, you can drink them and enjoy them.' What about the next day when you are again thirsty and there is no more? You think that because a girl smiles at you and gives you a kiss that you have found eternal love... the chances are that tomorrow she will give you no more than a withering glance for she will have found someone who pleases her more! Human love is never lasting. That is why the initiates go directly to the source of divine love and drink their fill each day; that source is inexhaustible and they always have enough to give to others. No need to go begging for love when you yourself have a tremendous wealth of it! The kind of love that affords you a smile, a kiss or two, a few tender words... how can that satisfy you forever? Today you are rich but tomorrow you will be starving again.

Do not explain that it is because you need love! Do you think you are alone in your need? Perhaps my need is even greater than yours, only, between you and me there is a tiny difference: I have learned where to look for love, where to find it, and you have not learned that yet. An insignificant difference, you think, but it makes all the difference!

Why be tied down to someone who has no light, no faith, no hope, no love for God, nothing – like a stone. And then you become a stone, too, by being with that person all the time. They cannot build a house, in any case, for the storms will come eventually and tear them apart. Before tying yourself down, look at what the person has in his mind and soul... and if there is nothing much there, unless you yourself have enough faith, hope, love, warmth, kindness, patience and wisdom for both of you, you had better abstain! But if such is the case, then go ahead and marry, not for the purpose of gaining something physical soon to be extinguished, but to help him, to bring him the Light. Then yes, your act is divine and your love will last.

Unfortunately people do not usually marry with that kind of goal in mind. Even when a person is poor as a church mouse inwardly, spiritually, you turn to him for protection or comfort, which is why you are both emptied in no time. If you really wish to make a sacrifice and are sufficiently strong to resist anything then go ahead and get married, your sacrifice will be taken into consideration and your name will be inscribed in the Book of Life. The invisible world will be impressed to see that you wish to give without getting

anything in return, and you help your partner by enhancing his life with enlightenment and purification. That is a worthy cause and a noble one, well worth the effort.

Occasionally you see this kind of generosity and sacrifice, especially among women, but it is not enough to want to save someone, you must also have sufficient knowledge, stamina, methods, and so on. There are certain ways of treating an alcoholic, a drug addict; he will be the one to triumph over you if you do not know them and, not only will he not change his ways, but you will be influenced into doing what he does. How many wives have deluded themselves into thinking they could 'save' an alcoholic husband, only to die of grief at being beaten daily or... of having succumbed to the same temptation! It is not easy to save people. You must be very, very strong in order to resist every bad influence and keep trying until you succeed. It is best not to overestimate your capacity but to know your strength and if you see that you are not capable of great resistance, do not attempt the impossible, but be content to pray heaven to help the poor unfortunate creature whom you love. It takes tremendous strength and perseverance to do anything in such cases; if you lack strength yourself, you must look for it elsewhere!

Think carefully about what I have told you. It is absolutely essential to be very clear on the subject of love and marriage. So often people fail because of ignorance and lose their heavenly heritage... all for nothing. First find the love of God, make sure you hold it within you once and for all and then if you think you are capable of helping someone else, look for love on the physical plane. But never, ever think you can live off someone else's love for you.

If you have the right idea of love, you will want to work and cooperate with the forces of Light. A good understanding of love is therefore essential for your future. You may not see the connection but I do, very clearly. Your entire future depends on your concept of love.

II

A man and woman who love each other should become conscious of the

fact that they are part of a whole without which they would be limited, too limited to express their love. Each one is like a bottle which the other drinks and, when not linked to the divine Source, the bottle is quickly emptied, whereupon nothing holds them together and they separate! What good is an empty bottle except to be thrown away? For the bottle to be full always, it must be connected to the inexhaustible cosmic Source, and then there will always be plenty to drink.

That is where the magic science of the link, the connection or bond comes in. If you think of the person you love as a soul who depends on you to connect him to the Source, then the wife will see her husband as one aspect of the heavenly Father and the husband will see his wife as one aspect of the divine Mother! It is the way you consider each other that binds both of you to the divine source from which flows the energy that fills you with everything you need. Love gives you every opportunity but as you are not enlightened, instead of lifting your beloved all the way to heaven, you hang on to him and drag him down with you all the way to hell! In time you notice he has lost his light... Whose fault is that? You should have linked him to heaven, not hell, no use wondering now about this or that, it is all too clear: you are the one who brought him down into the lower regions, it is your fault. You should have brought him up higher, high enough to breathe the pure air and drink the divine love of the Source. And he should do the same for you. Then you are no longer empty bottles, you become sources!

There are no more problematical questions than those having to do with friendship, love, affection... that is where Light is needed most of all. When you love someone, that is not the time to think about yourself, for then you forget the sacred side and drag your loved one down into the lower manifestations of desire and lust. The very nature of love makes it opposed to that attitude; it longs above all to sacrifice and surpass itself by doing something truly great for the object of its love. There is no greater blessing for a person than to connect him to the source!

Think about this the next time you take someone in your arms, try to project him all the way to heaven and link him to the higher beings: instead of calling him or her by name, Jane or John, etc... a man should address himself to the divine Mother through his beloved, and she should address herself to the heavenly Father through him. Instead of limiting their

exchanges to the lower regions and absorbing heaven knows what impurities, both of them will then be linking themselves to the Source. Light will emanate from them as a result, they will be like lamps. Instead of some little nitwit saying to a girl, 'Darling, let me make you happy!', both are in touch with the source of all perfection. Look at him! How can anyone so weak and miserable himself make anyone else happy?

In this way, both of you take the riches God has given you, life, and the emanations and warmth of mutual love, and, instead of using them for your own pleasure, you drink together the purest love from the highest Source. As a result your thirst is quenched, you are strengthened and enlightened, rejuvenated and filled with happiness. When you meet a stranger, instead of engaging him in conversation, try to lift him up to the source of Light, in the hope that he will be filled with new understanding, with desire to live the new life... wish him a peace he has never known before. Even if he has no idea what you are doing your good thoughts will come back to you in a beneficial way, your day will be filled with meaning, and, if you keep on in this way, each day will bring you new opportunity, new happiness.³ Otherwise, life vanishes so quickly, all its splendours will pass you by! For a person who tries to lead the spiritual life there is work to do... work that gives his life meaning.

You may be thinking that what I am telling you is nonsense. Very well, think what you wish: I am talking for those who are ready to understand and apply these ideas. As for the others, let them go on practising love as mankind has always done and see how long it lasts! Even in couples that seem happy and united, who are still together after thirty or forty years (for all kinds of reasons that made separation impossible), even then, both have a secret love in their hearts, some film star or other whom they think about....

Men and women who are not connected to the source cannot love each other divinely, their love cannot last. Everyone talks about love, everyone thinks they know the real love, but sooner or later they see that in fact it is not the real thing. True love lasts beyond death. That is the great secret, dear brothers and sisters; the great secret is that love can bring you to the source of life through the one you love. Then, even when both of you grow old, you feel divine energies flowing through you with so much freshness and purity, you will be bathed in such an intense light that you will be constantly in

amazement at each other, for no wrinkles, no white hair can hide the radiant beauty and youth of the soul and spirit. Whereas those who have not drawn from that source are old and blasé at eighteen! They are empty bottles, and what usually happens to an empty bottle? It is broken to bits!

You see, the mistake is to think human love lasts eternally. No, it is made of temporary, corruptible matter and it wears away. Never listen to someone who tells you, I will love you forever and ever... a month later he will have found someone else. In fact it is better to beware of human promises, people promise all kinds of things when they are a bit excited, but upon awakening they change their minds and wonder, 'How could I have made such a promise?' Under the influence of great emotion you can say all kinds of things! Lovers promise things, swear all kinds of vows, make declarations of undying fidelity and so on, but a few hours later it is all forgotten and they are fighting and tearing each other apart. How can anyone believe in the permanence of human love? Only divine love is eternal. Count on divine love, draw upon the Source, and you will see, you will go on loving for thousands and thousands of years with a love that is always new, always fresh, always delectable!

¹ See *The Seeds of Happiness*, Izvor Coll. n° 231, chap. 20: 'Fusion on the Higher Planes'.

² See *The Faith That Moves Mountains*, Izvor Coll. n° 238, chap. 9: 'Proof of God's Existence Lies Within Us', chap. 10: 'Identifying with God', chap. 11: 'God is Life', chap. 12: 'God in Creation'.

³ See *You Are Gods*, Part IV, chap. 1-III: 'The law of resonance'.

Chapter Seven

LOVE'S GOAL IS LIGHT

Of itself there is nothing wrong in the sexual act between men and women. If there were, why would nature have allowed it to continue through the ages as common practice among all creatures? If the act itself were reprehensible, would heaven not strike down all who practise it? Not the act but the attitude, the thought behind the action, is what makes it good or bad, sacred or profane. Which is more important, the tap that turns the water on or the purity of the water that flows out? The tap may be made of solid gold but if the water is filthy... the point is that the water be pure. An evil intent is comparable to dirty water, and a good intent to crystal clear, fresh and cleansing water. Neither the gestures of love nor the sexual organs are responsible, the important thing is what are the energies and emanations, the quintessence of the psychic forces exchanged by the man and woman as they love.

A man who has never worked to improve himself and is neither pure nor noble, whose intentions are selfish or dishonest or impure, is guilty even if he intends to marry the girl. his family may approve and applaud and according to Church and State he may have every right and every blessing, but nature will condemn him. What has he to give his wife under those conditions? Only the most negative influences. Even if the whole world approves his action, the laws of nature are against him because he is contaminating her with his baseness, his filth, his lust. The opposite is also true, the whole world may censure sexual relations before marriage, but if the man gives the girl's soul something pure and holy, something that comes to her from heaven through him as a channel, then they will be applauded by all the Angels in heaven!

Good and evil are not the result of obeying conventions, but of the nature and quality of your actions. heaven is not concerned with whether a union is legal or illegal, it is interested in what you do for each other, how good your influence is and whether you help each other to evolve, that is the criterion in heaven. If humans work on purifying themselves in order to become as harmonious and perfect as possible, the child they bring into the world one

day will bring all heaven with it and manifest only heavenly qualities! initiates have no thought of marriage but work on purifying themselves in order to be filled with the knowledge from above that makes them divinities; and what the world thinks about people who remain single is of no interest to them. I will come back to this subject later.

As for sexuality and its problems, you can find all the details you want on the subject of hygiene, medicine, sexual education in the abundant literature on the subject, which I never read because it does not interest me... besides which I have no time... but principally because I do not wish to hear sex spoken of exclusively from the anatomical, physiological, 'technique' aspect. Everything about sex can be found in books except what I am telling you, the spiritual side of the sexual act. Love is not merely pleasure and amusement, it is a heaven-sent chance to accomplish an important work of reconstruction, resurrection, divinization.

The sexual organs are our roots and, when we use them negligently, we do harm to our human system, for the roots are the most important part of our whole being, everything depends on the roots. It is the roots that colour our personality and give our character its different shades. It is mainly because of the roots that men and women differ and quarrel, because the roots are a résumé, the sum total of the man or woman.

For instance, woman's nature is to accumulate, to gather and retain, whereas man is wasteful by nature. Everyone knows this, but no one knows what causes it; the connection is obvious but people do not see it. Both man's character and woman's character are the result of the shape and formation of their sexual organs. Woman's role is to accumulate and hoard, to shelter and save, which does not mean that spendthrift women do not exist... but in that case they are not truly women, they are men in disguise! Cosmic Intelligence has given woman the ability to attract and retain, for, if it were her nature to scatter and disperse, she would never be with child! A man who is wasteful is less important from nature's point of view (it takes many seeds to make a rich harvest), man must be generous if he is to reproduce, but if woman were equally generous she would be barren... that is why she holds on preciously to what she receives.

This tendency to conserve things in woman and to disperse them in man is

repeated in their characteristic tendencies:¹ woman needs to hold something in her arms, a husband or child. The man escapes and she holds on to the child; because he is little and needs her protection, she is happy. When he grows up and also escapes her, she is unhappy again: in the end she is left with nothing. Her need to possess is what makes their relationship so complicated. 'Does man not also want to possess?' you ask. No, man wants to enjoy himself on the physical plane: to him possessing means to seize the opportunity and then to escape! Woman thinks mainly about how to capture a man, then she is willing to give him everything. Man says, 'Don't worry, my dear, everything will work out afterwards, first let us enjoy ourselves!' The woman, who knows that once he has enjoyed himself he will leave her, says, 'No, no, first sign here!' and does all she can to bind him to a contract, an engagement!

Sex is a rich and vast field and it has been studied from all angles, organic, physiological, psychological, social, moral, religious and who knows what... only the Initiatic point of view is not known for it has never been revealed. I have been told of certain experiments made by research doctors in order to be able to analyze the physiological reactions that occur during love: electrodes are applied to various parts of the bodies of two volunteers, a man and woman, and connected by a whole forest of wires to a recording apparatus. The resulting diagram shows the couple's reactions to each stage of love in which they are engaged. As there are more and more so called emancipated people, free of all the old moral traditions, when the call goes out for volunteers for this sort of experiment, hundreds and thousands come and offer themselves! As for the doctors conducting the experiment, who knows if their eyes are fastened on the diagram! Results are not given concerning their reactions, but they might be interesting: perhaps they too should be wired to the apparatus! No matter what conclusion they come to as a result of their observations, it is far from the revelations on the subject of love you are given in Initiatic Science.

Even if doctors analyze all the physiological reactions down to the smallest detail, scientists still know very little about love and its effect on people, because they do not take into consideration another field, the etheric field of radiations, emanations and vibrations... which they do not even know exists! Well, that is the aspect of the human being that interests me, because it is by far the most important. The thing to know where the sexual act is

concerned is what direction the energies are being sent in and what the result will be... will it be destructive or constructive, will it damage the soul or improve it, will the two people involved be helped in their evolution or will they slide back down? Symbolically speaking, the usual volcanic eruptions are devastating enough to bury an entire village along with all its inhabitants.²

You must know something which eventually all men and women will know: when people are bent on pleasure and only pleasure, certain lower entities come and join them: elementals, larvae, the subterranean forces of nature, seize upon their energies as they project them and have a feast at the expense of the two people thus 'enjoying' themselves. You should know that excessive sensuality does nothing but nourish evil entities, elemental larvae that ask nothing better than to devour humanity. In night-clubs and places where sensuality is rampant, you have no idea how many evil entities gather there, not only larvae but also disincarnated souls feed upon the energies being released. Yes, people who died without being able to gratify their passions and evil desires frequent those places in order to feed on the emanations of people disporting themselves.

The initiates have known about these things since ancient times, they know that men and women who look only for pleasure when they love, open the door to all kinds of entities. Spiritual love, on the other hand, chases away harmful spirits and nourishes the Angels and Archangels seeking to save mankind. Love is a heavenly energy, it comes from heaven and must be sent back to the heavenly beings who distribute it so generously. Lovers who know this allow their energy to be directed by the intelligent forces of nature, to be used for the good of all mankind and the Cosmos, for they realize it is the energy of life.

It is therefore, the goal of your love that counts more than anything. If a man and woman who wish to unite are conscious of the importance of their act and if they consciously direct their energies up toward heaven, the work they do will be of enormous benefit: the Angels and higher beings who benefit from their energies, which are sacred, do everything in their power to make those two people more beautiful, more wise, and more loving.

There is a knowledge, a special science, that exists today, as it did in the

past in Egypt, in India and especially in Tibet, which enables those who practise its great truths to prolong their lives and have extraordinary powers. Love is the greatest power of all! No force can surpass the power of love.

In reading some of the books and articles published today on the subject of love, I often wonder why the authors never ask the initiates (who know about these things), but content themselves with taking a consensus on the subject of sex from amongst ordinary, average people. Their conclusions are exact as far as they go, but false from the point of view of the initiates: they lack the testimony of people who are further along in their evolution. Their advice would make the reports interesting... instead of reading about doctors who prescribe sexual relations for young people as a cure for an unbalanced, disturbed mind! I have talked with victims of this kind of advice and, in most cases, they did not improve, they deteriorated. How can you advise anyone if you have no knowledge of the nature or inner structure of the human being? The solution for one is not necessarily the solution for all.

The best solution (and it applies to one and all) is for men and women to have a better understanding of what the sexual act really is, what it really means, and not be content with merely satisfying their physical bodies without a care for their partner's soul and spirit. At the moment, the body is all-important, it is admired and caressed and kissed and put through every kind of contortion; the fact that the soul and spirit might be tormented by all this, is of no concern. I am not saying not to love each other... on the contrary, there must be as much love between us as possible, but it must take place in imitation of the higher regions, not by exciting the physical body and gratifying it until it falls asleep and snores! No one wants to go higher, no one cares about being conscious during the sexual act in order to evolve spiritually, people are in the greatest rush to bury themselves, to sink into the mire, the swamps. For those who lack imagination there are all kinds of books on sex with graphic illustrations demonstrating how to extract as much pleasure as possible from impossible attitudes and positions.

Unfortunately, those who practise sex in this way have no idea how many negative forces they are attracting. A magnet has two ends, both polarized; to attract another magnet, the north pole of one must be turned toward the south pole of the other, otherwise the two magnets repulse each other. It is the same with a human being, the head and the feet are two opposite poles, as are the

left and right side,³ the front and back, and so on... to stand back-to-back has one result, face-to-face another. Once you know these details, you can use them in many ways, even to heal people. If you know how to polarize yourself with people, with the earth and with nature, you can attract or repulse at will, you can choose whether to harm people or to do good to them, as you wish. But when a man and woman are diverting themselves with unnatural positions, without knowing it they are attracting evil forces.

But who wants to think about these things? When it is a question of tasting pleasure, reflection goes out the window! People delight in losing themselves, for self-destruction is their idea of happiness, they say to you quite frankly, 'Unless I lose my head I don't feel anything!' Spiritually, they are signing their death warrant, believe me. This attitude is prevalent, everyone accepts it.... If a man wants to be vigilant, if he controls himself and allows himself only the most luminous, poetic, lofty thoughts... for his partner's sake... then she thinks, 'What kind of man is this, he is lucid at all times, he doesn't lose control!' But when his eyes are bloodshot, his breathing heavy enough to blow the house down, and all his resolutions, hopes and high ideals vanish from his mind, she thinks, 'Ah, wonderful! Here is a man who loves me at last!' Not that she has any great admiration for him, she is merely proud of her power over him, she holds him in the palm of her hand and this makes her proud. When she sees that he is disturbed or upset, lost, she exults and says to herself, 'Ah, ah! He looked strong and invulnerable but now I can do what I like with him!' Her lower nature has won and with that lower nature she will lead him around by the nose and make him gratify all her whims. Well, this kind of triumph is not magnificent, it is more like cruelty in disguise.

It should not make a woman rejoice and feel triumphant to see a man capitulate, on the contrary, that is the time to start worrying, for his attitude is not promising for the future. his sensual, rough and violent gestures, bloodshot eyes and heavy breathing denote an unhealthy passion for 'eating,' what he wants is to tear her apart and devour her, he will stop at nothing. That is what she likes! But when a man looks at her respectfully, with frank admiration and at the same time with great purity and Light... she is dissatisfied: 'I can't expect anything from him...' she thinks, and turns her back. Instinctively a woman likes to feel like putty in the hands of her 'baker'; to be kneaded and beaten, slapped and pounded, thrills her, but

respect and celestial purity mean nothing to her at all. There may be exceptions of course, but this is generally the way it is.

The idea of giving each other no more than pleasure, must now become a thing of the past. You ask, 'But what will be left if there is no pleasure?' There will be ten times more but it will be pure and most important of all, you will not be burning all your precious energy. Consequently the results will be different, there will be revelation upon revelation... there will be Light! And all heaven will rejoice with you at the beauty of your love.

I can hear some of you saying, 'Master, what you are saying is out of the question, impossible to realize! Everyone says it kills your pleasure if you are lucid and aware! The more your mind works the less pleasure you have...' The truth is that man was given a mind to help him know what real love is; unless he develops his mind he will never rise above primitive animal love. He must be able to control, orient, sublimate his energy through his mind. People enjoy volcanic eruptions without realizing that they can be very costly and destructive to the most precious things they have: idealism, sensitivity, high-mindedness, inspiration... all will be burned away, and they will be left with no enthusiasm, no zest for life. If your love is controlled by your mind, if the mind is present all the time watching over you and directing the forces of love, you may not feel pleasure as the world understands the word (that is, gross animal love that has nothing noble or spiritual about it and is completely out of control) but the spiritual work you are accomplishing will transform all your feelings into ecstasy, joy, wonderment, rapture... because of the Light it brings you.

It is sad that humans do not want to make the effort to find out how love can be transformed. As it is, even though they may be relieved and comforted, free from a tension too strong to bear supposedly, in a few months or years their senses will be dulled, they will lack all inspiration. Those who decide to take this gift of God, this primitive energy that is so strong and powerful, and put it to work toward a heavenly goal, a sacred goal, will know other joys, a different kind of pleasure, and they will be amazed at the discoveries they make.

The thing is not to stop along the way: now you must take your love further, beyond the limits of pleasure, high above the clouds, all the way to

the sun! Our actions must have one goal, the Light; when we are eating, working, walking, talking, or kissing, our goal must always be the Light. You say, 'But if there is no pleasure in doing the things we are used to, life will have no meaning.' What do you know about it? You have not understood what I am saying. It is when everything works together, your mind and heart, intelligence and love, that you feel more pleasure than you have ever known. The quality, nature and intensity of pleasure will be different, but it will still be pleasure! Meditate, reflect on what I am saying, and never forget one thing: keep on all the way to the Light!⁴ As long as your love is not filled with Light, it is a sign that you had better not continue. But you continue trying, you always think, 'next time!' When nothing happens you still say, 'next time!' No, you will only break your neck trying, and nothing will happen at all as long as your goal is not the Light.

¹ See *Cosmic Balance – The Secret of Polarity*, Izvor Coll. n° 237, chap. 4-4: 'The Role of The Masculine and The Feminine – Man and Woman' and chap. 11-3: 'The Triad Kether-Chesed-Geburah: A Straight Line and a Curved Line'.

² See *The Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil*, Izvor Coll. n° 210, chap. 7: 'The Undesirables'.

³ See *Cosmic Balance – The Secret of Polarity*, Izvor Coll. n° 237, chap. 9: 'The Caduceus of Hermes. The Astral Serpent'.

⁴ See *Light is a Living Spirit*, Izvor Coll. n° 212, chap. 8: 'Living with the Intensity of Light'.

Chapter Eight

THE SOLAR NATURE OF SEXUAL ENERGY

What is it that a man looks for in a woman? From his actions one might gather he was looking only for the most basic and material forms, 'the flesh' as they used to say. Then why is he never satisfied? Because there is something he does not know: what he is looking for in a woman is something subtle and fine which only women possess, and which he needs. As he does not know what he is looking for and as a woman usually has no idea she possesses this quintessence and hence does nothing to develop it, he finds precious little of what he needs. A woman on the other hand, who looks for strength, the force of a better mind... is more apt to find either brute force and violence or abject weakness... neither of which satisfy her. As neither one knows the other's need both are dissatisfied!

When, behind their kisses and embraces, there is neither the divine quintessence of the divine Mother, nature, nor the pure force of the heavenly Father, their exchanges cannot be ideal, their exchanges are no better than exchanges between two animals. But if the two lovers are consciously aware of this thought, this desire to give the sexual energy a higher goal and destination, then everything becomes sacred. For it is not the process itself that is pure or impure, guilty or innocent, but the aim, the 'contents' in the mind of the man and woman at the time, their intent. From the outer point of view there are not ninety ways of coming together, but only one. It is above in the etheric realm that thousands of ways of thinking and feeling exist. On the physical plane there is only the traditional, cosmic, or what you will, way of approaching each other and you cannot blame humans for not finding other ways. How could anyone (at least for the moment) produce a child in any but the customary way, in use ever since the world began? Leaving aside the latest discoveries of science in the way of artificial insemination and test tube babies, there is no other way, unless... unless you realize that it is in the heart, in thought, that love offers the widest variety of expression... all the way to infinity.

Actually it is not only when man is physically fertilizing a woman that his sexual organs are active. In the same way that our eyes are continually expressing our inner life, so the organs reflect the inner life through emanations or radiations that are different with each man, the quality depending on the life he leads, whether it is spiritual or animal.

A perfect man, the ideal man as Cosmic Intelligence created him in the cosmic laboratories, is like the sun, his emanations have the same consistency, the same quintessence as solar light, but in the etheric state. Those who abuse this force without understanding how sacred it is, how it is filled with the light and life of the sun for the purpose of creating magnificent things... are deprived of its most precious treasures.

The nearer we come to perfection, the lighter our emanations become, the more they travel through space with the speed of light! All beings who are sensitive enough, receive Light in the form of blessings and an incentive to perfection. Men and women can attain perfection through the sun, because it is always the same force, the same solar energy which shines forth from brain, eyes, hands, speech, thoughts, and... their sexual organs! This force is a blessing... not only to human beings, but also to plants, stones, all nature! Cosmic Intelligence conceived creation in a vast, divine and beautiful way, men are the ones who deform that beauty into something ugly.

Sexual energy comes from solar energy and is, in fact, the same thing. This ought to encourage you to become more pure, more luminous! What good is it to hear such extraordinary things if you are not inspired by them, if they are of no benefit to anyone, if they do not make you want to be like the first being as he emerged from his Creator's laboratories... radiant as the sun!

Just as the sun brings life to the earth, there are people who can revive other creatures by awakening their hearts and souls. Many women would prefer to be stimulated and inspired by a force other than physical force but as few men are conscious enough or enlightened enough to know this, nor self-controlled enough to be inspired on any plane but the physical, women must be content with what they are offered. Man fertilizes woman as the sun fertilizes the earth. Today, man should no longer be content to fertilize woman on the physical plane, but learn to fertilize her on the spiritual plane so that she produces children in her soul and heart, divine children. The

moment has come to understand and realize love in the divine world, in its ideal state.

The elixir of immortal life is to be found in the sun's rays: each morning you drink in life, immortal life, when you consciously absorb the rays of the sun. You think about other things, of course, anything but the sun's fabulous riches, yet you say you want to learn the Mysteries of the universe! The Mysteries of the universe are right there before you in the sun, so resplendent as to be blinding! No, no, people would rather seek the Mysteries in books or who knows where. Poor blind mankind! The Mysteries men seek are in the sun.¹

In the future, all men will be conscious of love, this force, these vibrations that dominate matter, all will want to absorb the Light. When two people feel a very pure love for each other, when they love each other's soul and spirit... what looks they give each other! One look is enough, if it is a divine look. In the future a man and woman will bring a child into the world simply by being in each other's arms and looking at each other, concentrating their thoughts upon each other with pure love. The love of these parents, so intense and pure, will attract a divine spirit who will come and live its life on earth with them by entering their child's body, made of the Light they emanate. You are incredulous, and it may be far off in the future, but nevertheless it is the evolution of man as foreseen by Cosmic Intelligence.

¹ See *The Splendour of Tiphareth – The Yoga of the Sun*, Complete Works, vol. 10.

Chapter Nine

MANKIND TRANSFORMED

Century after century the Church has been telling the world that man is contaminated by original sin and can never be pure again, nor ever transmit anything but sin from generation unto generation;¹ man is conceived in sin, born in sin, and there is no remedy. Well, I am not in agreement with this, for in spreading that kind of idea one robs mankind of all desire to redeem itself, all hope of saving itself from eternal damnation. The truth is, man is conceived and born in sin to the extent that his parents transmit an inheritance that is defective: their thoughts and feelings, unless they are pure and filled with Light, will cause him to be born in sin, but the idea that original sin continues to be transmitted from one generation to the next, no. A man who seeks the Light, who becomes wise, intelligent and pure by his own efforts, will soon know that whether Adam and Eve sinned or not is of little importance because everything in creation is subject to change and transformation.²

Is there any sense in making humans feel guilty and robbing them of all hope for the future? We are sinners, but we are not obliged to remain sinners forever, we have been given a choice, we can progress if we are willing to change and grow. Progress can be realized for all mankind if men and women become conscious of the tremendous responsibility they have at the time of conception and the period of gestation. A creator is responsible for his creation and in this case, if the creator improves himself, his creation will be of superior quality.

If parents really wanted to bring their children into the world under the best possible conditions spiritually speaking, they would begin with their own spiritual state at the moment of conception: that is the important, the critical moment. Other aspects, anatomical, physiological, biological and so on count also, but not as much as the spiritual aspect. The forces and powers produced by the parents through their thoughts and feelings and desires at that particular instant will either attract or repel the higher entities who want to incarnate through them. Both evil and luminous spirits wishing to reincarnate

hover around humans... why offer food and shelter only to the evil ones? Unfortunately most parents are too ignorant to control what they offer in this instance, and that is why they receive so many diabolical entities who harm mankind instead of divine ones who might save it! Parents complain: 'What have we done to deserve such a monstrous child?' They did this: they remained ignorant, and ignorance is the worst handicap of all.

What causes the marked differences you see between children of the same family? They have the same father and mother, between them there is only a short space of time, a year or so, yet one of them is an angel, another a scoundrel, a third a musical genius, a fourth an incompetent, and so on... others can be brothers and sisters of the same parents, and yet resemble neither the parents nor each other... why, what makes this happen?

If children were a result of physical relationships only, then all the children in one family would have the same face, the same characteristics; since this is not the case, there must be some other explanation. The child's nature depends to a far greater extent on which elements are attracted by the thoughts and feelings of the parents at the moment of conception. People study this question from the point of view of anatomy, physiology, biology, etc., but it is not enough, they must study the fluids, the energies, the forces present at the moment of conception, and how to direct them toward a particular goal. Engineers do not dispatch a rocket into space without calculating its trajectory, its lasting power, they know that an uncontrolled object will fall back on their heads. But parents create a child unconsciously, with no knowledge of what they are releasing... yet it surprises them when the energies and forces fall back on their heads!

People who wish to have a child should come together in the Light, that is, in the consciousness of working together on this most grandiose of all undertakings. Otherwise they are like thieves in the night, taking what does not belong to them. You say, 'What do you mean, thieves in the night?' If each one is thinking about taking advantage of the other in order to satisfy himself, his hunger and greed, then they are common thieves. If you wish to avoid stealing, you must learn not to give way to instinct but call upon the magic factor which is thought. Thought is a power, the magic alchemy that attracts good currents and repels bad ones, and transforms evil into good.

If you want a higher spirit to incarnate in your family one day, you must learn how to attract such a spirit in thought, thought that is present even during conception, like a transformer, so that the forces you are releasing will not attract a little demon or animal in the form of a child. At least be conscious enough to think, 'This act releases formidable powers and forces: let us add our most fervent, consecrated thoughts, to control and direct these forces as high as possible.' By thought you summon the forces that will cooperate with you beneficially in the work of creating.

Those who derive only pleasure from the sexual act are no more than thieves, they rob the person they are with of their strength and vitality, and, being thieves, they will attract a thief! A thief can assume many forms, not only will they steal cars or money, but the ideas and inspiration of your mind and soul.

It is not customary to put thought above everything else during the sexual act... people give way to sensation at that moment and try to suppress their thoughts, considered the enemy of pleasure under those circumstances. It is precisely because it is such an important moment that thought should be present and active, that both husband and wife be conscious of the gravity of their action and ask God to send them a beautiful soul to bless mankind with. This fusion between man and woman is a reflection of the fusion between spirit and matter: Spirit comes down to animate matter, and matter raises itself to give Spirit the means to be fixed, to carry out its material plans. When a man unites with his wife, a process is released through which he is able to extract from the universe the subtle quintessence which the woman below is waiting for, and with which she forms her child.

Together a man and woman are conductors of the two cosmic Principles, male and female. The man tries to incarnate the grandeur, nobility, intelligence, infinite power and perfection of the masculine principle which represents God, and the woman tries to incarnate the beauty, purity, tenderness, delicacy, and subtlety of the feminine principle which represents the divine Mother.³ Thus both consciously vibrate in unison with the Unity that created all beauty, joy, purity and perfection. The husband consciously assumes the role of conductor of God's blessings as he fertilizes his wife, and the woman tries consciously to give the one who is to her the representative of her heavenly Father the purest possible material with which to form their

joint creation. The child will be born divine because he was conceived when both parents were in a divine state.

Thus will mankind be transformed! But only if fathers and mothers are conscious of their spiritual responsibility and intelligent enough to want children who have the best qualities. It takes years to prepare for the role of benefactor of humanity.

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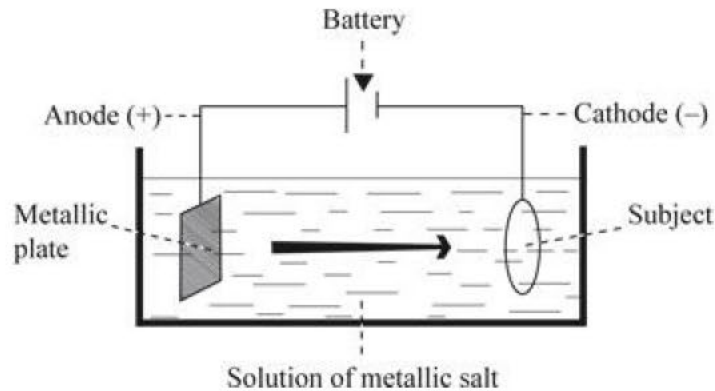
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Chapter Ten

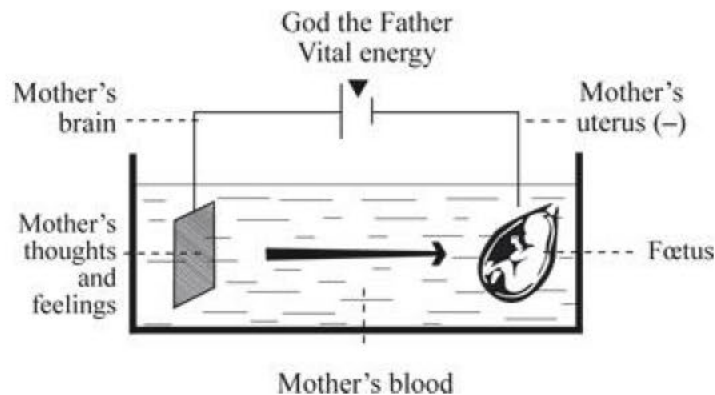
THE ORIGINAL EXPERIMENT AND THE NEW ONE

The phenomenon or theory of galvanoplasty which I have already explained to you, becomes really interesting when applied to gestation, to the mother while she is carrying her child to be.

Here is a diagram of the experiment of Galvanoplasty:



Now here is a diagram showing, by analogy, how the experiment can be applied to the period of gestation, in what I have called spiritual galvanoplasty:



You see that the mother's brain is connected to the battery, God, the source of cosmic energy, which distributes the current of life to the brain, which in turn sends it down through the circulation of the blood to the embryo.

The anode, or brain, furnishes the metal (gold or lead depending upon the thoughts of the mother) which is carried by the blood to the foetus, and this is the most important point, the reason for the experiment or phenomenon, for the child will be fed and shaped by the elements the blood contains.

At the moment of conception, the father gives the seed, and, depending upon the father's thoughts and attitude and heritage, the seed contains a future criminal, an average being or a genius, a highly evolved being. Then it is the mother through her thoughts and desires for the child, her psychic activity, who brings the good tendencies the seed contains or impedes them.

Suppose the father is an exceptionally gifted person, intellectually and spiritually: these qualities should be transmitted to his children, should they not? And they will be, unless the mother does not play her part properly because she is not sufficiently evolved, or leads a disorderly life and lets herself go on the lower levels of consciousness... in which case she will unconsciously oppose the manifestation of the father's character in the child. The opposite also is true: if the wife receives a defective seed from her husband, she can oppose the negative results by thinking and feeling pure thoughts and feelings during her pregnancy. The pure and luminous particles she emanates because of her high state of evolution will overcome the other tendencies. The father gives the seed, the diagram or blueprint of what the child is to be, and the mother gives the matter which has the power to realize his project, or to oppose its realization. The mother is endowed with tremendous power while she is carrying her child. That is why I insist that the future of mankind depends on women.

I know that for some time now scientists have been studying the effects on the foetus of outside influences, such as the mother's emotional and mental condition at that time and the events that take place in her environment. One aspect still escapes their attention: the vital importance of the quality of the elements the mother gives the child, the quality of the material with which she actually forms the child physically and psychically. This depends to a great extent on the life she leads during the nine months of formation. External events affect the child superficially, but the child's constitution, temperament, strength of character (or weakness) and the soundness of his mind (or debility) depend on the life of the mother while she is carrying the

child. Speaking symbolically, if her thoughts and emotions are made of gold, the child will be exceptional in every way; if they are leaden, the child will be sickly and dull.

The role of the mother-to-be is twofold: it is she who has control over the seed once she receives it, to further or to impede the development of the characteristics inherent in it from the moment of conception, and at the same time she furnishes the material which forms the child, inside and out.

At the present time most women are completely unaware of the influence they have on the child before birth. They have no idea that their thoughts and feelings affect the baby they are carrying, they think they can lead any kind of life they please independently of the life within them, which they think of as independent from them. They are wrong! The psychic life of the mother has as much effect on the child as her physical life. Goethe in 'Selective Affinities,' tells the story of a woman who, although pregnant by her husband, spent all her time thinking about another man, the one she loved... with the result that the little girl she gave birth to had exactly the same eyes as the man she thought about all the time! Such is the power of an expectant mother's thoughts and feelings. Women should want to do everything possible to have a beneficial effect on their unborn child.

The child spends nine months in its mother's womb, and during that time it is formed in body and mind. If the mother is depressed or ill-disposed, the organs she is forming will be defective and negative; if the mother is calm and serene and thinks lovingly about the child to be, the organs will be sound and positive.

Mothers who keep a diary during their pregnancy see that the child manifests at different times in his life the different conditions of their pregnancy. What the mother experienced during the ninth month will show up in the child during the first part of his life, and so on. Taking ninety years as the average lifespan, each month of pregnancy corresponds to ten years of the child's life. I often advise mothers of big families to go back over the events and conditions they experienced during pregnancy in order to understand the traits of character and even certain health problems of their children.

A mother who expects a child should say to herself, 'I have a marvellous

opportunity during the next nine months to fill my baby with all the pure elements that will make him beautiful, intelligent, sound in mind and body, a blessing to all mankind... by the way I live, think, and feel. If I watch over myself as I watch over him, making sure to bring him only the best thoughts, feelings and actions during this time, I will be contributing elements of pure gold that will make him wonderful!' Once he is born it is too late, the child has already escaped her influence, she can do no more for him. A child's nature and character are determined before it is born and nothing its parents do after that, nothing doctors or nurses, teachers or psychologists do, will be able to change it...

The time to give the child its real education and upbringing is before birth. The parents should spend a great deal of time preparing themselves, acquiring a better understanding of love and purity, in order to attract a spirit that will bless the family and mankind.¹ If they make sure the child is conceived in purity and light and if the mother does everything in her power consciously to give the spirit she has charge of the purest and finest material, physically and psychically... then human beings would be very different from what they are now.

If millions of parents all over the world decided to have this attitude during conception, if mothers everywhere recognized the fact that they are responsible for shaping their child's character, mind and body, through their own thoughts and behaviour during gestation, then it would take only three or four generations for mankind to be completely transformed!²

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Chapter Eleven

REPLENISH THE EARTH!

In the *Book of Genesis* it says that God told the first men, '*Be fruitful and multiply, and replenish the earth.*' The words have always been misinterpreted: God did not mean to be fruitful and multiply in the physical sense. In any case, when one compares man to certain animals which reproduce with great rapidity, one is obliged to admit that animals are more obedient to this law than man is! The fishes in the sea reproduce even faster than animals and the most prolific of all are microbes. What should we deduce from this injunction... what does it mean to '*be fruitful and multiply*'?

First we must realize that we human beings have an inner family, that is, a grandmother and grandfather, parents and children, within us... the grandfather is the spirit, the grandmother is the soul, the father is the mind, the mother is the heart, and the children are the thoughts and feelings produced by the mind and heart. Thoughts, which are masculine, and feelings, which are feminine, marry and have children, our actions. Actions are our great-grandchildren: some are boys (intellectual tendencies) and some are girls (emotional tendencies). Action is the result of the union of mind and heart, without which there can be no children. The mind and heart are the issue of the soul and spirit, which are the issue of cosmic Soul and Spirit, which issue from God. That is our family tree.

Some people have a grandfather and grandmother within but no grandchildren, that is, although they have a soul and spirit, a mind and a heart, they have not yet begun to be fruitful and multiply by developing the thoughts and feelings that produce action, they are too passive, too sterile to bear children. Their minds are not fertile, their hearts are cold. The mind that is supposed to produce beautiful, constructive thoughts, in their case is sterile, and the heart that is supposed to produce warmth and inspired feelings, is frozen... this family needs to pray God to send them children! If by any chance the mind produces by itself, there will be only boys in that family and, if the heart produces by itself, there will be only girls, that is, overflowing sensitivity and emotion, but no intelligence. To have perfect

balance, a family must have both sons and daughters.

I have known people in whom the inner family is made up of boys, all their thoughts are masculine and positive: in this family there is bound to be arguing and fighting. If a girl arrived in that family, everything would become peaceful, the feminine influence of the heart always softens everything. I tell them, 'There is not enough feminine influence in your family, that is why you are so cold and hard, violent and brittle.' On the other hand, families in which there are only daughters are made weak and vulnerable by an excess of sentimentality and generosity. All the good qualities such as gentleness and kindness and so on are there, but at the same time they are oversensitive, they let their imaginations run away with them and dream too much! A masculine touch, a bit of thinking is needed in that family to make the daughters more determined and courageous and... productive!

The first-born should always be a daughter, for she will take care of her little brothers and sisters. If the second child is a girl, the older brother will not know what to do, how to take care of her; he will pick her up when she cries but most likely drop her, and when the mother is busy he will pull her hair and hit her! It is the same thing with us: our feelings must precede our intelligence, love is the gentle older sister who will take care of her little brother! When love is well-installed in the heart, the thoughts that come into the mind are protected from danger, from cold, famine and drought... but when love is lacking, what happens when the younger brothers, our thoughts, are left to their own devices?

First of all when we decide to have a family we must give birth to a daughter: Love, the prettiest, purest, most rewarding daughter a mother could have ! She will resemble her grandmother, Universal Soul, more than her mother (the heart) for her ancestry dates way back in time. After the daughter it is time to have the finest, strongest, toughest son: Wisdom, to whom cosmic Spirit gives birth through the father, or mind.

Our mind and heart are more like guardians than parents in the usual sense, charged with building a house, a shelter for our children, the quintessence of our thoughts and feelings. Love will remain only a short time in the home, it will pass through the heart without settling down, for it yearns

for the company of its cosmic forbears, Universal Soul and Spirit. Neither love nor wisdom are permanently part of the mind and heart, they are more of a support, a vehicle to protect and transport them.

When children do destructive things such as stealing fruit from the neighbour's orchard, it is the parents who are held responsible and have to pay the damages. The neighbours have no right to beat your children, but they can hold the parents responsible and force them to pay a penalty; if the parents refuse, they can take them to court. It is exactly the same with our inner children: destructive thoughts and feelings are like unruly children who do a lot of harm... and then the parents have to pay. Most people do not realize how much harm is done by their thoughts and feelings when they run around out of control; parents pay sometimes very heavily for the damage their children do on the psychic plane.

It is no good saying you are not responsible. If you are the father or mother, you are certainly responsible for your children's bad behaviour: if you let them run wild, it is your fault when they throw stones at the neighbour's windows, stop up a waterspout, set fire to rubbish bins! It is surprising how much imagination they have when it comes to doing stupid things, and it is up to the parents to supervise their actions.

When people come and tell me about their problems, I usually answer, 'The trouble is you give your children too much freedom ! You let them run free and they get into trouble: now you must pay.' 'But I have no children....' 'Yes, you have, you have your inner children...' Sometimes a wife will ask me to explain why she is so miserable; my advice is invariably to improve her relations with her husband. 'But I'm not married,' she exclaims. 'Yes, you are,' I insist and tell her what Jesus answered to the woman who said, '*Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water.*'¹ 'Go, call your husband, and come back.' The woman replied, '*I have no husband.*' And Jesus said, '*You are right in saying, "I have no husband"; for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true.*' I ask her to bring me her husband to see whether she is in harmony with him: those who are out of harmony with their husband, the mind, or with their wife, the heart, cannot drink the water they thirst for. To drink that water, the heart and mind must be as one.

I consider all the phenomena of life a book in which I read truths which will help me to decipher the inner life. Man's pain and suffering come from his lack of control over his thoughts and feelings, his children who have not been brought up properly. To be happy and to have a good inner life you must be like a family in which the children are beautiful and good, gifted with all the qualities and virtues that make them blessings to their parents and to the rest of mankind.

'Be fruitful and multiply' means to be sure you bear 'children' of a heart full of love and a mind full of Light. If you do, you will influence the world and fill it with generations of wise, capable and talented children! Of course you must understand: I am not saying that the ideal family should rule the earth physically as presidents of banks, businesses and chainstores, but as artists, philosophers, research scientists, statesmen and spiritual beings. That is how to be fruitful and multiply!

It takes love and wisdom to fill the world with saints and great beings who will sow the seeds of their genius and benefit mankind! If good seeds are fruitful and multiply it will neutralize the negative forces... otherwise the bad weeds will spread all over the earth.

I want you to know that whether you are married or single, separated or divorced, if you cannot get along with your husband or wife, it is because you have never come to terms with your inner husband or wife. Everything within is reflected on the outside: if you do not get on with your husband, wife or child, the first thing to do is create harmony with your inner husband, wife or child. Discordant relations with members of the family indicate that something is amiss inside: if it is your husband with whom you fight, it means something is wrong with your thinking, and if you are on bad terms with your wife something is wrong with the way you feel, your heart is lacking in some way.

And never think of yourself as a victim of someone else's mistreatment: you yourself chose the wife or husband that matches your heart or mind... change the way you think if you want your husband to be transformed ! People always try to adjust things externally, why do they never look inside to see what is wrong with their inner life and then make the necessary adjustments? All the outer misunderstandings, difficulties, shocks and

accidents in your life, are due to one thing: inner disharmony.

As we go more and more deeply into this question, we discover that a lot of things happen because of the thoughts and feelings we project around us each day... they go on long voyages before coming back to us... a big family is far-reaching! Later, when we come back again on earth for another incarnation, we build our physical body with the aid of all the little grandchildren and great-grandchildren, our progeny who 'multiplied' all the way to infinity!

Thoughts and feelings are living, active, efficacious entities gifted with creative power. They have a real and very mysterious link with the one who gives birth to them.² Man does not know (but it is true) that his thoughts and feelings last longer than his physical body and that they become the workmen, the builders of his next physical body, when the spirit reincarnates. Thoughts and feelings, good or bad, luminous or dark and shadowy, all participate with the spirit of the mother as she builds the new body we will live in. For that reason we must be very careful about the thoughts and feelings we put into the world... most people do everything the other way round, they nip the best ones in the bud and let loose the wicked ones!

Mankind, if it ever develops love and wisdom, will extract itself from the old customs and habits it has known for so long. A woman knows that if the child is to be exceptional in every way the father must also be exceptional! Some women go so far as to beg a famous man to father their child... I would like to tell women about the kind of man to choose as the father of their child... but that is not what I am interested in at the moment. More than anything else I am interested in telling you how to bring into the world the children of love and wisdom. You must be linked to the divine Spirit and to all the divine virtues... that is the best way to bear your children! When an initiate contemplates God, his soul is like a woman waiting to receive the seed, the spark from God: he opens himself and consecrates his entire being to the Light. When he receives the seed in his soul, he bears it for the necessary period of incubation, and then brings into the world a divine child. Like a woman he conceives, but not physically. To link himself with God, the initiate changes his polarity; he becomes a woman, in order to give birth to love and wisdom.

Before you can bring beautiful children into the world, you must learn how to link yourself with cosmic Spirit, to be a Virgin Mary consecrated to God in order to wed the Christ, the Bridegroom, and give birth to spiritual children. Barren marriages do not exist, every human being conceives and bears the children of his mind and heart... although the father is usually more like the devil than the Christ. When John the Baptist told the Pharisees and the Sadducees that they were not the sons of Abraham but the sons of the devil, he meant that the inner father was evil and dwelt among the shadows. In his ignorance, man brings into the world children of strange and obscure parenthood.

If you meditate on what I have just told you and try to practise it, you will begin to come closer and closer to God. Someone will ask, 'But why love God? Why must we be connected, why not live without Him?' You can live without God, but what kind of life will you be living? The life of a microbe, no more. You can also bear children without being linked with God, but what kind of children?

The future of mankind depends on our children, that is, on the thoughts and feelings we bring into the world. To create divine children, divine thoughts and divine feelings, begin by purifying your heart and illuminating your mind to make them perfect instruments for the soul and spirit. Then you will be saving mankind!

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Chapter Twelve

WOMAN'S PLACE...

It is a dismal philosophy we have inherited from the religious ascetics of the past! Their monastic life, alone in the forest and mountains, came from the desire to avoid temptation. The symbol of temptation was woman, believed to be the instrument of the devil, but even in their mountain fastnesses, these hermits, these deserters from the world were not spared that temptation, woman pursued them in the form of astral visions and torments... to wit the temptations of Saint Anthony. Misled by the Christian tradition, men considered all women as inferior, weak creatures whose lack of intelligence and judgment made them incapable of getting through life's difficulties without men. Women have faults, to be sure... but what made men think they were superior?

Women were often held back in their evolution by the conditions imposed upon them. What gave men the right to be cruel and selfish, so unfair, what made them think they could exploit women and push them into the background without eventual retaliation on their part? Women went on remaining bowed and submissive through the centuries, apparently accepting abuse but all the while working within themselves, developing qualities and virtues without anyone being the wiser. Now the time has come for them to astonish the world with their superiority over men in every field. The most famous authors have written on the subject of woman, but when I read their books I find most of them have misconstrued her, their prejudice and preconceived notions prevent them from seeing the true purpose of womanhood, with the result that they give a distorted picture. You may think it is not a serious matter to misunderstand woman's nature but the truth is that the future of mankind depends on how man thinks: his attitude toward woman is what will make the world improve, or keep on deteriorating.

Take the physical plane: women are as important as men when it is a question of creating children: unless they are united, there will be no results... in which case, why underestimate them? Creations would not be complete without the feminine principle; nothing in nature exists, nothing is born,

nothing can live and prosper if one of the two principles is lacking. If man were God himself, he would not be able to conceive a child without the matter woman furnishes, and no matter how independent and strong a woman is, she cannot produce a child without the seed. Man's power lies in the fact that he contributes the seed but his power is not sufficient to materialize a child, he lacks the matter to do it with. This applies to everything man does, whether he is building or sculpting or baking bread, he must have matter to work with before he can produce. The same process is repeated everywhere: the food must go through your mouth before it becomes nourishment; you have to breathe in the air before your system is set in motion; and man puts 'food' or life into the woman or 'matter' which forms the child. Nature has inscribed the truth for us everywhere, in everything we do.

According to Initiatic Science, there is nothing more important than the two principles, masculine and feminine. When men and women realize what they represent, life will change socially, economically, cosmically, and the kingdom of God will come on earth... of this, I am certain. Why does the kingdom of God not come now? Because of the ignorance of men and women. They do not behave as they should toward each other, for behaviour is the result of knowledge, of the way we consider each other.

Until we can accept the fact that the Holy Trinity is composed of a masculine principle and a feminine principle which together produce a child, the third principle... we will never understand life, nor be able to grasp the true philosophy.

We learn in Religion that we are created in the image of God. Apparently this is not enough to convince us that the feminine principle should be restored to its original splendour and importance! Here on earth, woman is such a pale reflection of the divine Mother, cosmic Woman, or nature, that it is very hard to have a clear idea what she is. You have had the misfortune perhaps to know an ordinary, cruel and ugly woman, a Xanthippe, like Socrates (who had his reasons for choosing her) but that does not mean all womanhood is detestable.

Nothing is more perfect, more beautiful, more luminous and poetic than women if you know how to consider them. There are people (wishing to be spiritual) who deliberately imagine women in the worst possible light... ugly

as sin, scrofulous, covered with sores... to avoid being tempted! Women are all the children of nature, the divine Mother, and this kind of thinking is an outrage against her. Besides which it is dangerous, you become a black magician, for to think of women as deformed and mutilated will have an effect, their purity and beauty will be ruined for generations to come.

We should work to spread beauty, not eliminate it, Beauty must be made to come down and incarnate on earth! That is why I approve of woman's desire to beautify herself all the time...¹ she should be allowed to do everything she can to make herself beautiful. How else will Beauty be protected and transmitted to her children? What will happen to future generations if she is as indifferent to Beauty as man is? Children will all be born ugly! Woman fosters Beauty in the world through her desire to be beautiful herself. That she might use her beauty to greater advantage is another question... instead of seducing men with it, she might say to herself, 'Ah, if I have so much beauty, I must do as much good as possible with it,' thus using her vanity to help her regenerate mankind.

One thing is clear: nature has given woman tremendous power. The problem is, she does not know how to use it, it amuses her to try it out on some poor fellow and, because he is weaker than she in certain domains, she usually succeeds. She knows how irresistible her charm is but, instead of using it to inspire men into being nobler, finer and more spiritual, she drags them down into hell! With what delight she would watch even a saint, prophet or initiate succumb, not because she is cruel, but because she needs to see how far her kingdom reaches! It makes her proud to have all eyes focused on her wherever she goes. She does not realize that Beauty is not meant to satisfy the male appetite for sensuality but to lift man onto a higher plane, to inspire mankind. Beauty, like all the other gifts from heaven, is meant to serve heavenly purposes.

Man has always misused his authority over woman, he has been unjust, violent, selfish, cruel; it was only a question of time before woman began to wake up and revolt. That is what is happening today. The trouble is she is not waking up to the Light, but to revenge, which will make things no better for her. She must forgive man if her true nature is ever to be revealed: woman is the mother of man and hence has a greater love than he, she is good and generous and kind by nature. Sacrifice is her greatest virtue. She must not

seek revenge but rise above her personal interests. All women must unite and work constructively on all men and on all the children they bring into the world. No one can say they are united in this endeavour at the moment, they are too busy with their own affairs, too concentrated on enhancing their charms and finding husbands... and later on lovers... with beauty treatments, diets, exercises, all for the sake of their figure. Even if they succeed (and they do, most women have superb figures), what then? Nothing, nothing but a void, because they do not know enough to work on purifying and beautifying themselves inside. Their thoughts are elsewhere, in beauty salons where their breasts are pomaded and reshaped... for whose benefit? Men, of course, whose sensuality and cupidity will leave traces on their breasts. Later when they settle down and have a child, those traces will make the child receive evil influences through its mother's milk...²

Woman is meant to be man's guide, her example and attitude should inspire him to accomplish noble deeds for her sake. That is what he seeks more than anything, he wants to be inspired and uplifted but because women do not understand that, their true vocation is not fulfilled. You say, 'But women are too weak, too frail to make men do anything!' It is not opposition men need, it is inspiration ! And, as I told you before, there is another way for women to influence man: through his sons. Bringing them up from their earliest age to respect women all their lives... because of their mother... that is the way to influence mankind! If you shape their characters while they are still very young by filling their minds and hearts with noble thoughts and upright feelings, they will become geniuses, saints and heroes!

I am speaking this way because I know by experience what an influence a mother has on her child. Mine, for instance, left an imprint on me I will never forget. My mother was indefatigable, always ready to help everyone, and comfort them. She had many trials and tribulations herself but she never complained; sometimes she wept, but never in front of people (I have seen her weep only because she did not know I was there). And if a neighbour interrupted at that moment, she immediately wiped away all traces of her sorrow and sat down to listen patiently to far less urgent or drastic problems than her own! She always found the right words to give courage and confidence to others.

At that time I was about seven or eight, and I did all the usual stupid things

children do at that age... whatever it was, she never yelled at me or hit me, she merely explained what the consequences of my behaviour would be, good or bad, ending with the remark, 'Now that you know what will happen, choose for yourself!' And frequently she repeated the saying, '*Krivdina do pladnina, pravdina do veknina,*' which means, crooked ways are shortlived, they come to an end before noon tomorrow, whereas straight ways go on forever!

Outwardly I appeared not to pay too much attention (I had my pride after all!) but inwardly I was shaken. I have never forgotten her way of speaking to me, without anger, very gently describing what would happen as a result of my behaviour, 'If you do this, such and such will be the result. If you do that, the result will be quite different... now it is your choice!' And back again to '*Krivdina do pladnina, pravdina do veknina.*' Yes, it is true, all dishonesty, deceit, cheating and so on, have a very brief effect, whereas all that is just and noble lasts eternally. I did not see how true this was until later, but I know now and with absolute certainty that Beauty and Good are everlasting.

That is what mothers should teach their children!

¹ See *Creation: Artistic and Spiritual*, Izvor Coll. n° 223, chap. 9: 'Beauty'.

² See *Education Begins Before Birth*, Izvor Coll. n° 203, chap. 5: 'A New Understanding of a Mother's Love', chap. 6: 'The Magic Word'.

Chapter Thirteen

THE COSMIC CHILD

All women seek one thing above all, to have a child... if not on the physical plane, then spiritually. No woman is exempt, it is part of her nature to expect to be fertilized and have children. 'But can a man fertilize a woman spiritually?' you ask. Yes, if their love is spiritual. All true initiates lift their love above and beyond the physical. You say, 'But is there a child as a result?' Yes, a child, an exceptional child will come to enlighten his mother, guide her, teach her and protect her. People think it is always the mother who protects the child... on the physical plane it is, but on the spiritual plane the child protects his mother.

A great Master could, if he wanted to, fertilize all women all over the earth, without seeing them or going near them, on condition that they accept his ideal, for in this case that is what the 'seed' would be. You are wondering how it would be possible for one little idea to fertilize all the women in the world. It is not possible on the physical plane, but on the spiritual plane it is. If an initiate were to launch an idea such as the installation here on earth of the kingdom of God and the Golden Age, for instance, all women everywhere could be fertilized and made 'fruitful'... provided they accepted.

One day I received the visit of a man supposed to be a great spiritualist. In the course of the conversation I said that one day women would be the saviours of mankind... that they hold the key to salvation. At first he was astounded, then indignant: according to him, men have a monopoly on all achievement of such proportions! I asked him, 'Then why is it that women are responsible for childbirth? Man gives the seed to start with, but for the seed to grow and become a fine baby, perfectly formed, that is woman's work. On the spiritual plane it is the same thing: to realize the kingdom of God on earth there must be someone who is capable of giving women a divine seed, making them fruitful in a divine way, ideally, as the sun fertilizes the earth... and then you will see, they will bring in the kingdom of God!'

God has bestowed great power on men and women, each in their own way. What woman can do man cannot, and what man does woman cannot do.

Woman is matter and man furnishes the spirit, that is, life. Everyone knows this is true of the physical plane, but no one knows about the Great Mysteries of the spiritual world. If women united and formed a collective cosmic Woman, she would create the child of a new life for mankind. Spirit cannot incarnate without matter. Even in spiritist seances, the medium has to donate her emanations to the spirit she is evoking before it can manifest. The spirit wrapped in this matter, this envelope, becomes visible and tangible, thanks to the matter which gives it the power to move objects or destroy anything, great or small.

If woman's nature is to emanate this highly subtle, intangible matter which gives form to the spirit wishing to manifest, one might say that womanhood exists as a unity, a collective Woman, exactly as the feminine Principle exists in the world above. If this collective Woman were to consecrate the subtle matter she emanates to the forming of a collective Child after receiving the seed of a sublime ideal from a perfect being, then that Child would be the kingdom of God. I am not of course speaking of the physical plane: women must unite spiritually on the psychic plane to produce this child: the cosmic Woman will give birth to the Child fathered by the ideal. This is the very essence of spirituality... the collective Woman giving birth to the cosmic Child, the kingdom of God.

You may find all this difficult to believe, but it is the truth. Compare the depth and grandeur and far-reaching implications of the concept I have just described with the way women are generally thought of... and you will agree that men do not generally see women in their true light. Because of personal rancour, misguided principles, fear or disgust, men are preventing the kingdom of God from being realized. It must be realized by women, because they are the only ones who can furnish the substance to form its 'body' on the physical plane. The philosophy I am bringing you is not only mine but also the philosophy of many who have gone before me; it will triumph over everything else in the world and, when it does, it will be for Eternity.

Solomon was known for his wisdom, but above all he knew the secret power of women. The Bible says that Solomon had seven hundred wives and three hundred concubines and people think it was for his own pleasure, but Solomon was a very great Sage, a magician who knew how to make the spirits of the invisible world obey him. He would not have been allowed to

possess this power if his life was so impure. No, his relations with women were for a different reason. You have no idea what a tremendous role a woman can play in helping a man who is enlightened, and who practises divine Magic. Solomon succumbed eventually because he could not control the forces he released, but at the peak of his reign he had tremendous spiritual and material power. He built the Great Temple of Jerusalem in which he dispensed judgment to his subjects with astounding wisdom and perception... renowned the world over.

The splendour of Solomon's reign was not the kind of splendour the initiates seek and, for that reason, he is not considered one of the greatest initiates. The magic he used was not Theurgy, it was limited to his own gain and glory. There are different degrees of magic... very few mages reach the highest degree in which there is no interest in commanding the spirits and elementals for personal gain.¹ The great initiates were not concerned with personal ambition, they worked solely for the kingdom of God. The Theurgists, who are true wonder workers and great Mages, practise only divine Magic, they put all their knowledge, forces and energies into the realization of the kingdom of God. With no self-interest whatever, these exceptionally pure and dedicated people have one desire only, that of transforming the earth so that God can come and live amongst his creatures. Solomon did not rise to these heights; nevertheless he had great wisdom and knowledge, in particular of the gift from God to woman that allows the Spirit to manifest through her. The divine Principle produces the seed, the spark or flame, that is all-powerful except in one way: its essence is too ephemeral to manifest on the physical plane; unless it is fixed in matter, it loses itself in the infinite. That is why woman is so valuable to the Theurgist: she furnishes the substance which makes it possible to realize his divine ideal, the objective of the Theurgist. Without women and the emanations they release unconsciously in space, there would be no possibility of realizing the kingdom of God on earth.

Because Solomon knew this he used magic... with the help of all his women... but not divine Magic. Divine Magic is based on Theurgy, the highest form of wisdom. Very few in history went far enough to discover the real Theurgy, even the greatest Sages used the sacred knowledge for their own ends: money or glory or sexual magic. Magic when it is used for the purpose of satisfying the lower nature is black magic, and many are the

occultists who have fallen into the trap, Alistair Crowley for instance, and B. Randolph, author of 'Magic Sexuality', against whom Blavatsky fought so assiduously. Not all occultists are Theurgists.

The truly glorious Magic consists in knowing how to work for the kingdom of God, by considering everything in the world alive and useful spiritually. Air, water, earth, rocks, plants, the sea, rivers and lakes, human emanations... all are Magic when used in the right way, to further the kingdom of God. The trouble is people do not know how much magic there is all around them, they are apt to use everything for their own personal ends, as did Solomon. Selfish motives, as I tell you so often, are inspired by the underworld forces and entities, the demonic spirits who eat them. Solomon tried to get rid of them but they kept multiplying and coming back to the attack until in the end they were too much for him, and he succumbed.

Let us leave Solomon and go back to the essential. Women know in their hearts that their whole being, including their emanations, should be consecrated to the divine Principle. If they acted upon this knowledge, the Angels and Archangels would have the precious substance they need to form the life of the future. If women everywhere determined to serve God and heaven instead of human beings and the world, they would be creating the new life. That is what I am proposing, that is my ideal. How many will accept I cannot tell, my task is to invite them to share with me in bringing in the new life.

Women have tremendous power, the subtle particles they emanate are full of magnetism. They must realize that great as their power is physically, it is even greater in the higher world of emanations. Woman has always been called magical, a sorceress, an enchantress... because her emanations form etheric bodies. As I say, if a great Master, a Saviour of humanity, gave cosmic Woman the seed of an ideal, her emanations would create the body of a cosmic Child: the kingdom of God on earth.² Women are the only ones who can bring that about. If they have not yet done so, it is because they have other ideas in mind, ideas that show how narrow, selfish and limited are their ideals.

Once women decide to consecrate themselves to heaven rather than hell and put all their heart and soul and body to work for the divine goal, centres

of Light will spring up all over the world, everyone will begin to speak the language of the new life, the language of divine Love. What are women waiting for to make up their minds? They are all too busy with mediocre, minor things, marriage and children and a humdrum life. They exclaim, ‘What a life!’ but it is their fault if life is mediocre, their fault if they have no high ideal and no desire to change their destiny.

In view of the situation I have described, I now make the following statement:

All women, single or married, mothers of families or not, must now become conscious of their power and the sacred duty they have: to improve the world by contributing their inherent creative emanations to form a new collective body, the kingdom of God on earth. If they accept to widen the scope of their consciousness and look at things differently from the way they are used to, they will see what divine Magic can do for the world. If they accept this work it will make them truly beautiful! When it is the ideal of the Golden Age that they are bearing, they will radiate with the youth and beauty of the cosmic Child! They will be nourished in their inner being by the idea that they have made it possible for the kingdom of God to be realized, and this will bring them Eternal Life.

Today I have given you the greatest secret of Initiatic Science.

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