

**What Did Jesus *Really* Mean?\***

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What follows assumes that you embrace the fundamental operational principle (stated in Ch.1 of the “What Did Jesus *Really* Mean?” treatise) that the main aim or goal of the ‘program’ of all of Life’s being-n-doing—that is, the primary motive (i.e. *desire*) ensconced in Its ‘source code’—is to maximally actualize Love and Joy, i.e. to Joyfully express and (thereby) experience Love as well as Lovingly express and (thereby) experience Joy to the greatest possible degree in every possible way in relation to and with others, and that you subscribe to the proposition (expounded on in Ch.2) that this is “the way, the truth, and the life” (John 14:6) whereby young, still incarnating *souls* learn, develop and mature to the point where they fully enter into and collaboratively proceed in conscious communion with *The Entity* of Life’s (i.e. *Christ’s*) Flow (no longer ‘needing’ to be personal-‘i’-dentity platformed by carnal host-bodies in order to *soulfully* develop), thenceforth as ‘immortal’ *angelic* Spirit-Beings.

My aim here is to further facilitate the process of your becoming aware of possibilities, from the range of options available to you at any given point, which are most likely to be propitious in the above regards by highlighting ambiguities and explaining apparent contradictions between various pronouncements\* Jesus made relating to the exercise of judgment which have resulted in many being hamstrung and confused.

\* The additional perspective I present in this Addendum reflects the fact, stated in Paras 6:6-8 of my book Godspeak 2000, that “Even when they represent and facilitate understanding of aspects of absolute truth and goodness, concepts and principles and derivative codes of conduct are basically just situationally useful simplifications and props—the scope of Life’s Creativity is much too grand to be completely delineated by any sequential string of verbal (hence linear) logic. Interactional policy and procedure therefore cannot be unequivocally prescribed by or for *anyone*. Personal discernment and contextual decision-making is always necessary: Life’s multidimensionality and the multimodality of our interconnectedness and interdependence make it such that the best of descriptions will not fully inform you, and the best of guidelines will not indicate exactly what will and what won’t be constructive in relation to others around you, at least not for certain. Moreover, even when you are sure of what’s what and what would be best, either because of your own limitations or the positions and actions taken by differing others, you will often find you aren’t able to successfully implement what you think would be the consummate course of action. In such case, identifying and executing the most creative practicable alternative will be the epitome of *wisdom*. Assertions to the contrary don’t alter this truth a jot, no matter how authoritative or persuasive the person who makes them.”

Getting down to the business at hand: Jesus' statement "Judge not, that ye be not judged. For with what judgment ye judge, ye shall be judged: and with what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you again. Why beholdest thou the mote that is in thy brother's eye, but considerest not the beam that is in thine own eye? Or how wilt thou say to thy brother, Let me pull out the mote out of thine eye; and, behold, a beam is in thine own eye? Thou hypocrite, first cast out the beam out of thine own eye; and then shalt thou see clearly to cast out the mote out of thy brother's eye." (Matthew 7:1-5) advises it would be best not to engage in making fault-attributing judgments because doing so may (*à la* "Whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap." Galatians 6:7) karmically redound to one's own, and therefore also to *The Flow of Life's*, detriment. This makes good sense since, as dispassionate observations and correlations in the field of Modern Psychology have revealed, people often 'blindly' project their own psychospiritual and social deficiencies and aberrations and (in some circles referred to as their 'shadow') onto others who they denigrate, finger-pointing attention away from their own motives and choices in ways that make them—the projectors, that is—appear to be just and honorable by contrast.\*

\* In group form, this manifests in a phenomenon called *scapegoating* wherein and whereby entire categories of 'others', generally cultural minorities or folks with 'abnormal' characteristics, are classified, persecuted and ostracized as being anything from socially undesirable to completely abhorrent: genetic albinos in many African countries as well as folks born into the caste of untouchables in India; people of Semitic descent in many predominantly Caucasian countries, most notably Germany in the mid-20th Century; Samaritans in Ancient Israel (hence the point of Jesus's 'Good Samaritan' story), are just some of the examples that presently come to mind in this regard.

Those familiar with the precepts of *Depth Psychology* as well as those with knowledge of Judaeo-Christian-Islamic *History* will, I think, especially appreciate the significance of the information contained in following excerpt from the Merriam Webster Dictionary: "*Scapegoat* has a fascinating history. Today the word is used to refer to one who is wrongly blamed for something, but it originated with an actual goat. In the Jewish and Christian Scriptures, 'God' ordained a particular day during which the entire nation of Israel would set aside work, and during which the priests would atone for the sin of the whole nation. Among the rituals prescribed was *the scapegoat*: "He (the Priest, Aaron) shall take the two goats, and present them before the Lord at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation. And Aaron shall cast lots upon the two goats; one lot for the Lord, and the other lot for the scapegoat. And Aaron shall bring the goat upon which the Lord's lot fell, and offer him for a sin offering. But the goat, on which the lot fell to be the scapegoat, shall be presented alive before the Lord, to make an atonement with him, and to let him go for a scapegoat into the wilderness." (Leviticus 16:7-10) The scapegoat was thought to carry the 'sin' of the people away with it, thereby cleansing Israel for another year."

Jesus’ “Judge not, that ye be not judged” advice (which many just use to rationalize a thought-feeling-n-behavioral stance of *neutrality* as a matter of personal (i.e. *selfish*) convenience) didn’t stop there, however. Since wise judgments (i.e. dispassionate assessments of probable cause-effect consequences) are functionally *necessary* for someone/anyone to make Love-and-Joy optimizing choices, when speaking to his disciples, his advice was more qualified and his recommendation accordingly more specific. To them he said: “Judge not according to the appearance, but judge righteous judgment” (John 7-24), ‘*according to the appearance*’ (I submit) meaning ‘based on one’s personal desire-and/or-aversion-activated projections’, and ‘*judge righteous judgment*’ meaning ‘based on *impartial* (that is, *transpersonal*) assessment of all relevant causes and consequences (in my opinion). Which phraseology, by the way, should prompt those who contemplate its purpose to critically examine and if necessary revise and rescript any of their judgment-associated assessments that are *pejorative*, especially if these be *evil*-attributing and *damnation*-wishing, no matter how ignorant or misguided and consequently mean-spirited or love-withholding those involved may strike one as being.\*

\* Why? Because every ‘other’ is also an aspects of Life (Spirit, God, what have you...) and, since all Life *is* interconnected and what ‘goes around’ therefore ‘comes around’, *denigration* and/or *condemnation* of any aspect of Life amounts to the kind of ‘blasphemy’, which sooner or later relegates one, as well as one’s associates, to having a (proportionally) *hellish* kind of experiential consequence: “All manner of sin and blasphemy shall be forgiven unto men: but the blasphemy against the Holy Ghost shall not be forgiven unto men. (Matthew 12:31)

It is true that Jesus often harped (as in playing a tune on a ‘harp’ ☺) on the importance of one’s choosing to become and be positively well-intentioned and well-wishing in relation to any and all aspects of Creation, as in “Ye have heard that it hath been said, Thou shalt love thy neighbor, and hate thine enemy. But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you; that ye may be the children of your Father which is in heaven: for he maketh his sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust. For if ye love them which love you, what reward have ye? do not even the publicans the same? And if ye

salute your brethren only, what do ye more than others? do not even the publicans so? Be ye therefore *perfect*, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect.” (Matthew 5:43-48) And many well-intentioned and well-wishing folks naively understand this and propagandistically promote it to be a call for would-be followers to absolutely nonjudgmentally be completely unconditionally ‘loving’ (in the sense of being equally as well as unreservedly accepting and embracing of all aspects of Being-n-Doing).

But (and this is a BIG head-butt! ☺), such simplistic interpretation is clearly contraindicated by the historical fact that hippie communes generally soon collapsed because of the adoption of such wishful-dream based, ‘Love is all you need’ philosophy. It is also clearly not what Jesus himself demonstrably conveyed by his choosing to publicly excoriate[!] the establishment Scribes and Pharisees of his time and place for misleading people and being shamelessly hypocritical on top of that (see Matthew 23:13-23; I always chuckle when I reread his “Ye blind guides, which strain at a gnat, and swallow a camel” tongue-lashing!). He also, quite notably, overturned the tables of the money-changers in the temple in angry protest of their having defiled it—in his words, for having turned what should have been a “house of prayer” into “a den of thieves” (see Matthew 21:12-13).

Don’t get me wrong in the latter regard. I don’t mean to suggest that the same sort of tactics are advisable in today’s world: social values and relational issues were more ‘black-or-white’ defined in Jesus’ day. I just wish to point to the fact that these words and actions of Jesus demonstrate that across-the-board nonjudgmentalism wasn’t what he had in heart and mind. Becoming more keenly social-value and behavior-consequence discerning as well as learning (from trial and success-and/or-failure results) to optimize one’s decision-and-choice process by way of making the best possible judgments is necessary and desirable if one is to functionally help/serve increase the degree of actualization of the kind of ‘kingdom of heaven’ that Jesus spoke about while you are embodied here on earth; also for your *soul*, which will be *exercised* and so capability-strengthened thereby (see Hebrews 12:11), to grow and develop in ways that result in the actualization of its *potential* (ultimately completely ‘heavenly’!) post-incarnational *destiny*.

Though, either spontaneously, as a result of having profound awareness-altering ego-death-and-rebirth kinds of experiences (NDEs being classic examples in this regard), or, as a result of thoughtfully taking the all-Life affirming things Jesus and other spiritual ‘seers’ have shared to heart (see Matthew 6:25-32, for example), choosing to embrace the fact that they are Life-Flow included and sustained just the way they are, many have had *ecstatic* experiences of spiritual salve ☺ ation which have led them to think, feel and believe that ‘heavenly immortality’ is a fait accompli in their and others’ cases, and that there is therefore no ‘call’ for them or said others to continue to conscientiously examine and explore *the possibility* of their functionally implementing potentially Quality-of-Life augmenting measures beyond the point that they already do. The Tough-Love reality-fact is that abdicated one’s response-ability to grow to become more discerning and more conscientiously responsive—by, say, simplistically choosing to believe that statements and exhortations such as “He maketh his sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust. ... Be ye therefore ‘perfect’, even as your Father which is in heaven is ‘perfect’.” (Matthew 5:45-48) summarize the totality of all *knowledge* and *wisdom* pertaining to the subject—will result in your ‘missing the boat’\* when it comes to your soul’s learning-growth-and-development task of intelligently resolving the problems it ‘fatefully’ encounters (everyone encounters their own uniquely *soul-tailored* ‘set’ of these!) in the matrix of often-competing personal and social values that are part and parcel of the experience of being incarnationally ‘entwined’ with *co-existing* others.

\* As stated in Ch.2: “Analogous to the way it takes many years of ‘schooling’ wherein initially ignorant and unskilled novices are tasked with learning and given the opportunity to master increasingly complex ‘lessons’ and thereby, upon ‘passing’ greater adeptitude-demanding ‘tests’, progress through a series of ‘grade’ levels to the point where they finally ‘graduate’ from vocational training programs and schools of knowledge, it takes numerous physical lifetimes for ‘young’ souls to become masterfully adept at deploying their ‘inner’ Love and Joy ‘program’ in relation to Life and others in it in the context of the infinite psychospiritual possibility containing ‘stream’ of sometimes mind-n-spirit sparking opportunities and sometimes mind-n-spirit daunting challenges that are encountered in the course of living in a matrixially multi-layered, complexly interwoven physiosocial system such as ours.



Consider the possibility (the *probability*, in my opinion ) that Jesus only lauded *non*judgmentalism as an *ideal* when he spoke, as he publicly often did, to an audience composed of tradition-bound Halakah (i.e. Judaic) Law embracing people who by and large sanctimoniously thought and felt that they were ‘superior’ to—in other words, that they were ‘closer’ to and ‘more favored’ by ‘God’ than—said law breaking ‘sinners’, who therefore believed and asserted that they were entitled to special privileges and that said law breakers deserved to be persecuted, punished, outcast, etc. (exactly the outward ‘sin’-projecting, *scapegoating* phenom I described earlier). In my opinion, his ‘perfection’ extolling (“Be ye ... perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect.”) statement was a *vain*-ego collar jerk aimed at opening their eyes to the fact that their stingy *selfishness* was really petty (compared to ‘God’, that is ☺). The ‘you-can-be-perfect’ (i.e. like God) solicitation was an ego-*prize* which he donkey-carrot ‘dangled’ in front of their noses to incentivise them to stop indulging their crass, oneupmanship-impulse driven motives in relation to projected-to-be inferior ‘law’-ignoring ‘outsiders’.\*

<p>* He demonstrated what his actual attitude towards their <i>legalism</i> was by the behavior which led up to his saying “The sabbath was made for man, and not man for the sabbath.” (see <u>Mark 2:23-27</u>)</p>
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In contrast, when he spoke to those in his entourage who were more inclined towards and capable of honestly contemplating and selflessly implementing truly *holistic* philosophical propositions pertaining to the exercise of *judgment*, Jesus said things like “The Father judgeth no man, but hath committed all judgment unto the Son.” (John 5:22) Remember now, in the course of my discussion of his Father↔Son paradigm in Chapter 1, I explained it was the *entirety* of Creation and not his own *person* that Jesus referenced as ‘the Son’, when and as he spoke of or for said Entity, in the latter case when he channeled Its Spirit (as a result of having personally mentally and emotionally completely ‘i’dentified with It). If you follow my drift, you will see that said ‘Son’ includes, in fact you might even say it is composed of and by, *each and every one of us*—‘us’ here referencing all aspects of The Flow of Life’s (i.e. of *Christ*’s) Being-n-Doing.



As I operationally analogized in that Chapter: “To picture the activity of the Living Entity of our Creation (i.e., of ‘the Son’), imagine a *universe*-sized network made up of an infinite array of banks upon banks of computers matrixially web-strung together by way of both parallel and series connections, all simultaneously, individually and together, multi-processing [Life’s ubiquitously present] Love-and-Joy ‘program’, with each processor and every amalgamation thereof functionally *outputting* the ‘solution’ it ‘calculates’ will most probably yield the greatest possible Love-and-Joy ‘result’ in its case (as far as it can prognostically project, that is), which ‘solution’ then operationally functions as *input* in relation to any and all associated processors to whatever extent they ‘calculate’ it to be relevant to their own Love-and-Joy process, such that said *output-n-input* data-packet sequences *co*-actively ripple and reverberate around the network, sparking Love-and-Joy focused perceptions and decisions (i.e., experiences and expressions) which conjointly determine what takes place here, there and everywhere in ‘the body’ of said Entity over the course of time.”

What Jesus’ statement about the *act(ion) of judgment* being ‘committed’ to ‘the Son’ means is that ‘the Father’, the Supreme (progenitive) Source of all Being-n-Doing, does not Itself decisively determine who will or who won’t be ‘blessed’ by Life. By virtue of everyone being ‘given’ their own apportionment of said Life, each and every one of us has been empowered –one might say we have each been ‘given’ some degree of responsibility –to *judge*, to recognize and, on such basis, differentially respond to those aspects of Life’s Flow which contribute to and augment the flowering, fructification and further seeding of It’s *Flow-Process*, as well as to those which operationally inhibit, diminish or, worse, sully and degrade It.

Now, whether or not you consciously *choose* to exercise and conscientiously discharge such ‘God-given’ ability to *recognize* and *evaluate* effects, or likely effects, and then either affirmatively embrace, simply accept, or reject and/or counteract what transpires in yourself, or relationally between yourself and others, or between others and other others around you, at any

given Life-Flow point, across the board *neutrality* or absolutely *equal* situational responses are not really factual options. Any thought or feeling that that is what you are doing or effecting is an illusory projection (in my opinion, at least). One (you, in the present case) must and so will, *at least subliminally* (meaning *unconsciously*), *judge* and consequently be either spiritually appreciative, and so welcoming and more or less accepting and supportive of, or spiritually aversive, and so to some degree or other oppositional and antithetical in relation to, any experiential happening. Why? Because everyone is (you, in the present case, are!) a *Living Participant* in The Flow of Life (i.e. in ‘the Son’). And, as such, it would amount to an organically unnatural denial\* of self-and-neighbor ‘love’ to not ‘care’ at all about whether or the degree to which something or someone *positively* augments or *negatively* degrades the quality of and potential for ‘greater’ ongoing Love-and-Joy experience and expression in Its flow-process.

\* Do stop to more deeply consider the implications of “Whosoever shall deny *me* before men, him will I also deny before my Father which is in heaven” (Matthew 10:33) in light of my explanation that ‘the Son’ references the *Living Entity* of The Flow of Life (which Jesus consciously ‘i’dentified with) whenever you think about what’s said here.

To preclude you from *minimizing* this issue, which many nowadays let themselves be seduced by verbally ‘sophisticated’ *soothsayers* into doing (presumably because it relieves them of having to sift through and come to terms with thoughts and feelings of possible relational response-ability), let me ask you to honestly try to remain *neutral* while imagining yourself (1) actually encountering and real-time *seeing* a mother nursing a child, and (2) actually encountering and so real-time *seeing* a girl forcibly raped by a marauder. Jesus intimated his sentiments in said regards when he said things like: “Suffer little children, and forbid them not, to come unto me: for of such is the kingdom of heaven” (Matthew 19:14) and “Whosoever shall offend one of these little ones that believe in me, it is better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck, and he were cast into the sea” (Mark 9:42).

These scenarios are just a couple of judgment-evocative hypotheticals I pose for you to consider in case you've hitherto been seduced into living behind a 'mask' of being 'godly' by *virtue* of your being *unconditionally*, i.e. *nonjudgmentally*, loving in relation to others or your (at least) aspiring to be so, which posture is faddishly fashionable in many followers-following-followers circles these days (my guess is, because it 'suits' their members' desire-constellations in ways that, on superficial inspection at least, makes them seem 'holistic' and, so, laudable).

Just kidding to hammer home the above point here: Why would anyone not 'like' a 'Santa Claus' figure who filled everyone's Christmas stockings with 'goodies'? Don't mistake my facetiousness for unseriousness, though. Besides exposing rationalizations of absolutely equanimous (i.e. *unconditional* or *unqualified* in relation to anyone/everyone) 'love' to be the abdication of personal response-ability to recognize and conscientiously choose the most Life-serving course-of-action option (when and as *positive* and/or *negative* possibility laden attitudes and intentions are relationally encountered) that they are, my purpose in posing the above hypotheticals is to persuade you and others reading or hearing this into being honestly truthful with yourself (should such be necessary) about the *integral* place and *functional* importance of contextual judgment (meaning relative-value assessment) and consequent *duty-to-Life* imperative to *conscientiously* implement the *best* (meaning the most positively creative) option or options from among those that are situationally available to you at any given point in the Flow-Field of *our* (collective) Life-experience and Life-expression (i.e. in *Christ*). Though the particulars of the dynamics involved in and potential consequences stemming from other kinds of happenings in Life's Matrix may vary considerably from those in the 'nurturing mother' and 'violationist rapist' scenarios posited above, this *discerning judgment and conscientious response principle* pertains to all *human-body* ensconced *souls* (that is, unless said bodies have been neurologically damaged or impaired to the point where they are really incapable of any such function whatsoever).

Now, while it is absolutely true that ‘we’ are (all) One, in the sense that every aspect of Being-Doing is an existential part of The Flow of Life which is therefore superordinately (above all else!) lovable as an Entity – Why? Because there would otherwise be no Life at all (I think this is the logic underlying Jesus’ saying: “Why callest thou me good? there is *none good but one*, that is, God!” Matthew 19:17) – the across-the-board-pertinent (to personal-*soul* and social-*wisdom* growth and development in our pluralistic-world context) reality-fact is that there is an infinite array and mix of ‘**good**’ and ‘**evil**’ (i.e. ‘**not good**’), by which terms, in departure from the emotionally loaded characterizations that have historically been attached to them, I just mean to substantively, referencing their effects, distinguish **connection-and-communion stimulating, nurturing, strengthening (etc.) in consequence** from **connection-and-communion hindering, stunting, warping (etc.) in consequence** belief constellations, spiritual motives and derivative behavioral commissions (or omissions, as the case may be) which each and every one of us may, for ‘**better**’ or for ‘**worse**’, consciously or otherwise situationally embody and enact as well as encounter in the course of any given Life, with each such circumstantial event and/or non-event (because all Life is dynamically *inter\**woven!) in some way psycho-spiritually ‘calling’ (i.e. ‘pulling’ or ‘pushing’) for an anything from a mild to strong, *soulfully* relational, pro or con *judgment* and corollary affirming or rejecting response on one’s part.

\* So what happens (or doesn’t) to anyone happens (or doesn’t) to all. “Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me” (Matthew 25:40) pertains across the board!

Note: This doesn’t mean that one *must* or *should* aspire to do whatever one thinks and/or feels would be *ideal* (that is, if it could be done) in any (never mind every!) given situation in order to live in ‘good’ conscience as a member-agent of The Life Force. As stated in para 5:45 of my book: “You may do so by yourself or with the help of understanding others. Either way, it is essential that you register and keep being conscious of the ramifications of the fact that all that the world is and all that transpires within it is

the cumulative result of what has, from moment to moment since time began, been attitudinally entertained and intentionally purposed. What you encounter in Life and what you ‘naturally’ think, feel and do (or fail to), at any given point, is the result of prior psychospiritual programming – that of antecedent others, your own till the present, and that of those you’ve been or still are involved with and related to. Therefore, [Jesus’ ‘promise’ in [Mark 9:23](#) notwithstanding] though all things not contrary to Life Itself are [indeed!] *possible*, they are not necessarily so in short order. As anyone wishing to be an artist must do with his or her medium, to be creative, you must learn to work with the impetus of *history*, as it pertains to you and those around you in particular.” Deciding on the most *soul*-salutary course of action (which may often actually involve *self-restraint*!) to undertake in any given situation therefore also requires *differential* value comparison (i.e. *judgment*) and appropriate prioritization regarding which courses of *possible* action (or inaction, as the case may be) are likely to be the most Love-and-Joy Flow-Process serving and which less so at that point. Such calculus will, of course, have to also include consideration of *possibilities* and *probabilities* pertaining to the present growth-and-development prospects of your own *soul*’s psychospiritual constellation which you are the local time-space inheritor and custodial cultivator of, hence discerning *judgment* and optimal *choice* in that regards as well.

It is also very important that you keep being aware of the fact that, because of the complexity that is part and parcel of Life’s (massive!) Fluid-Flow, what anyone, including you, specifically aims for and aspires toward will, besides often not being actualized immediately, sometimes not be actualized in the course of a Life-time even. You will only (in my opinion) be able to withstand and shuck off the effects of thoughts and feelings stemming from experience of frustration and/or incompleteness in any particular desire’s regard\* if, based on well-reasoned logic (such as presented in my book and treatise) confirmed by your own and others’ reported experience in relation to matters in general, you develop and maintain confidence (that is, you have *faith*) in your knowledge, and (so) persist in thinking, feeling and *trusting*,

that Life's Love-and-Joy Flow-Process is ubiquitously *ever-ongoing*, and that your soul's experience-and-expression stream-flow will therefore (in due course) wend its way to the Love-and-Joy inspired destinations which currently 'call' it 'forward'; if not them, then, because you grow to be(come) more discerning and capable in the meantime, unforeseen ones that will be even more Love-and-Joy fulfilling\*\* than the ones which you presently find most spirit-energy invigorating.

\* To those capable of being judgmentally impartial, I submit: this via Positiva philosophy is a much more creatively functional Life option than those proposed by Buddhist and other via Negativa prescriptions which simplistically (in my opinion) advocate relinquishment of 'attachment' to any and all desires as well as dissolution of any and all sense of being a self-directing 'agent' of Spirit, the real value and possible creative consequences of which are minimized if not completely dismissed by regarding them as 'illusory' or 'not really real', as though incarnational Life was nothing more than a carnival of apparitions, such that 'spiritual success' in said context amounted to not taking them seriously and emotionally dissociating from any problematic feelings that believing in their 'reality' induced. How *macabre* is the "You've been born into a lunatic asylum which can be escaped from if you rigorously focus on doing so" creation-n-destiny *story* such philosophy is rooted in, let me ask you?

\*\* "I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us." (Romans 8:18)

Pertaining to the possibility referenced at the end of the preceding (regular-text) paragraph: soulfully *developing* to the point where one's *faith* and *trust* in the dynamic of Life's Love-and-Joy flow process becomes one's 'second nature' creates a psychospiritual foundation upon which a *transcendental* (because you will then no-longer instinctually be personal-and/or-group-*ego* defensive and aggrandizement seeking) *higher self* 'i'dentity may be constructed. If and to the degree that said mature soul state is actualized while one is still incarnate, besides (as may circumstantially be necessary) healing from and moving past previously suffered effects of such, one also becomes immune to being dysfunctionally infected by further experience of *resentment* and *rage*, *anxiety* and *worry*, *despair* and *depression*, *demoralization* and *anomie* (etc.), so one no longer suffers or afflicts others with the consequences thereof. One might say that one becomes a 'citizen' of what Jesus called 'the Kingdom of Heaven' in the process.

In full (*transcending* the ‘world’ of ‘bodies’) reincarnational-scheme perspective, the *higher* (“I have overcome *the world*.” John 16:33) kind of psychospiritual-‘i’-identity actualization I speak of may be seen to be the top-of-the-line *purpose for which souls* sign-up for an ‘as long as it takes’ series of incarnational stints in our tough-love spirit-testing, ‘as hard as *hell*’ on egos (Why? Because all ‘things’ must pass!) earth-school bootcamp, where one has to ‘master’ all systemically built-in learning tasks if one is to ‘graduate therefrom. This explains the rationale of the prep talks given by ‘awakened’ (in the above regard) tough-love message dispensing sergeants, such as: “There is no respect of ‘persons’ with God” (Romans 2:11) and “Meats for the belly, and the belly for meats: but God shall destroy both it and them!” (I Corinthians 6:13).

This is something which ‘newbies’ on the Path to Transcendence frequently have trouble coming to terms with. What is portrayed as happening to ‘the losers’ in Jesus’ Matthew...25 parables is likewise distasteful and difficult for novices to digest. Why? Because their personal predilection is to wishfully embrace and emotionally cling to *self-indulgent* “*God loves me/us* no matter what!” or “*I am my own* beginning and end!” belief constructs,\* they do not recognize and accede to the superordinate logic of there being an appropriately (for ‘better’ or for ‘worse’) affecting everyone Force-Field, wherein the impartial (tough-love!) *justice* and ultimate *benevolence* (but only to those who avail themselves of It!) of Life’s often very rough-and-tumble incarnational scheme makes sense. In their case, the facts pertaining to The Flow of Life which I speak of can at most be ‘blindly’ embraced as being ‘mystically’ (i.e. inexplicably!) true.

\* Note: as in the case of children facing ‘scary’ possibilities, young *souls* may initially legitimately need to believe in ego-strengthening fantasies such as these for them not to be dysfunctionally paralyzed by fear in face of Life’s uncertainties. But, as the horrors perpetrated by both religious and secular absolutists have historically taught us, if these are not bubble-burst before such young’uns grow to the point of becoming maniacally powerful, as human history amply demonstrates, such *self-* and *group-justifying* fantasies often end up spawning horrendously ‘evil’ consequences (again, ‘evil’ just meant in the sense defined earlier). Would-be teachers and proselytizers of philosophy and religion who may(?) be seduced by the number of people eager to follow you: watch out you don’t end up just digging and deepening ditches that you and they will have to climb out of in future life settings by misleading them in these regards!



Moving on: let me also apprise you to the fact that the situational and therefore necessarily local judgments and corollary choices you make in your personal life are not the be-all and end-all of your involvement with The Flow of Life here on Earth. Since every soul incarnating here is an interleaved aspect of our Planetary Entity's Being-n-Doing, your soul's capacity for psychospiritual empathy and understanding automatically enrolls and enlists you as a living component of Its creative process, such that the way(s) in which you mentally and emotionally engage with and respond to any aspect of Its Being-n-Doing *infuses* Its Force-Field\* which, in turn, functionally impacts the being-n-doing of any and all sympathetically resonant souls therein.

\* Analogous to how the 'fields' of all of the Earth's magnetic 'elements' combine to form what many simply think of as Its bi-polar magnetic field, albeit in this case in a much more variegated (involving multiple 'polarities') way.

If one is fearful, angry or hateful in relation to anyone or anything, for example, one *spiritually* contributes to existing 'pools' and 'streams' of fear, anger and hate in our noosphere which results in the fear, anger and hate of any and all souls that *spiritually* resonate therewith consequently being *spirit*-reinforced and *spirit*-amplified. Hence, besides the spontaneous 'bubbling up' of seemingly 'i'solated instances of *soul*-discombobulation characterized by fear, anger and/or hate which are generally diagnosed as just being the result of personal mental illness and/or brain dysfunction nowadays, also the phenomena of 'waves' of (collective-scapegoating) paranoia, rage and vindictiveness which periodically intensify to the point where they 'stormily' ravage and destroy not just vulnerable segments of society-at-large but occasionally, precipitate 'collapses' which historians later-on recognize as having been the 'ends' of civilizational *eras*. Matthew 24:6-22 presents a classic description in the latter regard.

The same *spirit*-pooling and *spirit*-stream-strengthening dynamic pertains to the 'cousins' ☺ of *fear*, *anger* and *hate*, namely *envy* and *jealousy*, *callousness* and *mean-spiritedness*. and *lust* and *greed* (note, these are just

a set of categorizations that presently come to mind pertaining to the kinds of e-motions that are ‘naturally’ spawned by *egotistical selfishness*). They all stem from the (mistaken!) *belief* that one’s life is functionally separate from the lives of others. Each in its own way illustrates peoples’ consequent tendency to ‘fall’ for the ‘temptation’ to think and feel and so act as though The Flow of Life is essentially an everyone-for-himself (or herself) free-for-all game setting, and that, except in the case of mutually honored “If you scratch my back, I’ll scratch yours” contracts, one person’s ‘gain’ is necessarily another’s ‘loss’, so nothing ever really warrants unselfishly sharing and doing everything one can to benefit others in we-are-all-members-the-same-body fashion.

The ‘good news’ in the this regard, at least for those who, because they intuitively grasp and logically collate historically compiled knowledge and wisdom pertaining to The Flow of Life and consequent ever-ongoing being-n-doing of those *souls* that choose to operate in conjunction with It, is that, unlike those who (ignorantly!) embrace the idea that they have separate ‘i’dentities and (so) just aim to go their ‘own’ way, they become Flow-of-Life oriented and (so) proceed in petty-ego transcending, *higher self* actualizing ‘directions’. The very same mutually-reinforcing, personal-and-transpersonal Force-Field dynamic that ensures that those who’s highest allegiance is to their own personal and/or group *egos* will end up engendering interpersonal and/or intergroup dissension and strife and (so) suffer *hellish* consequences\* also operationally ensures that those who’s primary allegiance is to The Flow of Life Itself, who therefore aim to actualize the greatest ‘good’ for all involved, will not only therefore learn and grow towards soul-maturity themselves but additionally enjoy the *spiritual* Love-and-Joy satisfaction that comes from knowing that they thereby *co*-relationally help to increase the capacity of Life’s Flow-Field to reinforce and enhance the conjoint experience and expression of *communal* Love-and-Joy in others who similarly embrace such purpose and (so) welcome and reciprocate the same.\*\* (Among other things, this is what

leads to better, more *soul*-growth nurturing civilizations rising, Phoenix-like, from the bed of embers and ashes of dying and dead ones!)

\* Possibly leading to their psychospiritual extinction if said personal-attitude determined trajectory isn't interrupted and reversed at some point, as explained in Ch.2 of this treatise.

\*\* "As we therefore have opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto those who are of the household of faith." (Galatians 6:10)

No-worry, no-hurry, *serenity* and *patience* gradually become one's natural stance if and as one contemplatively grasps and truly takes to heart the fact that Life's Spirit-Flow is not only ever-ongoing but also creatively ever-unfolding in and for those who spousally embrace and Love-and-Joy-fully devote themselves to It.\* This, no matter what 'happens' (or doesn't!) in the short-term. Besides the fact that many often do indeed in due course 'reap' what they *prayerfully wish* and *hope* for as a result of *faithfully* maintaining and *proceeding* with *positive expectancy*, those who don't 'get' what they most desire (assuming they don't ego-reactively then become bitter and reject Life, like a jilted lover) also eventually grow to appreciate the fact (celebrated in songs like Amazing Grace) that, if and as such happenings are thoughtfully unwrapped and emotionally processed, any and every experience of Life presents one with a fantastically rich gift as is. This, despite—paradoxically, it actually is the Spirit-Flow consequence of—their hearts 'opening' to be(come) more appreciative as a result of having had to suffer and endure sometimes excruciating personal-spirit daunting disappointments in order to arrive at such "Life is *ever-plenty-full!*" *humility*-point.\*\*

\* As patriarchally stated in "All things work together for *good* to them that love *God*, to them who are called according to *his* purpose" (Romans 8:28)

\*\* The logic of this should enable you to decode Jesus' otherwise enigmatic "*Blessed* (i.e. 'good' *soul*-fortune 'sprinkled' ☺) are the *poor* in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven" (Matthew 5:3) declaration. Among other things, Life's not proceeding as one *desires* 'spurs' one to more *soulfully* review, more thoughtfully ponder and (finally) more organically integrate previously unresolved inconsistencies in the 'fabric' of one's *wish-and-hope* generated *desire-and-expectation* scheme. Which is why 'Wisdom comes with age' is often thought of as being a *truism* (though it clearly doesn't always, of course. ☺) .

A further consequence of one's fully realizing and therefore taking to heart the fact that one's *soul*—which is the psychospiritual 'driver' *incarnated* in one's physiosocial 'vehicle'—is an *integral* part of The Flow of Life's *ever-ongoing*, evolutionary experience-and-expression process is that *ego-selfishness*—that is, just living for what one can get or do for one's 'self' and/or the 'selves' of closely-connected others—strikes one as being of short-term value at best. All one has to do is contemplate the improbable idea of a hand of a body choosing to only 'serve' itself and its fingers to appreciate the oxymoronicity of such a proposition. Those who comprehend the fact that their and others' psychospiritual constellations are living aspects of The Spirit of Life's (ever-ongoing!) Flow recognize that they only 'grow' as *souls*—that is, their interactive function and significance only increases—to the degree that they creatively add to said Flow, so they embrace **generosity** (that is, doing the most they can to relationally support and enhance the ongoing well-being and development of others around them in The Flow of Life) as their primary Love-and-Joy fulfilling purpose and guiding principle.\*

\* Because words generally have a range of connotations depending on how they are used, I recommend that readers broaden their understanding of the wisdom shared in [I Corinthians 13](#) by substituting 'generosity' (in the sense spoken of here) in place of the words 'charity' (in the King James version) and 'love' (in other English translations) relating to the same subject.

Of course, one always can and, given the logic of the preceding paragraph therefore always should, *prayer-focus* on and *spirit-bless* whoever or whatever one thinks and feels would or could be most Life-beneficial for oneself as well as any others that attract one's attention in the Flow-Field of Life (thereby *generously* participating in and contributing to the psychospiritual Force-Field dynamic I spoke of earlier), but no one can possibly do everything, so you will also have to exercise and act on the basis of what you *judge* will likely be the most creative course(s) of action you can under-

take from among those you have the personal wherewithal\* to execute, with an eye towards maximizing the degree to which you augment and enhance The Flow of Life in and around you personally.

\* “If there be first a willing mind, it is accepted according to that a man hath, and not according to that he hath not. (II Corinthians 8:12)

Here’s some perspective gleaned from the study of history to guide you to in your aim to most beneficently deploy your Life-Force and reduce the chances of your unwittingly making the same kinds of mistakes many have made in the above regards in the past:

First and foremost, the across-the-board value and importance of *generosity in relation to others* notwithstanding, as is made clear by Paul’s statement in the above citation box, the fact is one must first ‘have’ something to ‘give’ (note, I am not just speaking *materialistically* now) in order to ‘give’ it. So, as Jesus emphasized by way of his Parable...of...the...Talents, both the maintenance and further expansion of one’s own functional capabilities ought to be accorded a certain degree of value-priority: generously helping to support and nurture the well-being and, when and where possible, further development of others should, in my opinion at least, be one’s next priority therefore. The necessity (some may say, the duty) of a wife and/or mother, for example, to care (especially *psychospiritually*!) for her own welfare first, so as to then be able to be the *best* possible wife and/or mother to her husband and/or children provides a real-life wisdom-template in this regard.\*

Beware: though the ‘call’ of ‘The Greater Good’ may indeed momentarily override immediate personal considerations in emergencies, the often lauded *value* of ‘sacrifice’ is often no more than a masochistic, assumed-guilt distortion of *virtue* (as in some ‘vows’ of *poverty* and *loyalty* to others, for example), which may be unconscionably exploited if and when, as a result of dominating *group*-think, it is expected of and/or imposed on *servile*-role relegated others.

What next comes to mind, since physical conditions naturally tend to occupy center-stage on our physical-sense attuned brain-screens, is that one should as may therefore often be necessary frequently remind oneself of the ‘unseen’ (in the normal\* sense, that is) *truth* that our *souls* are potentially *eternally ongoing, ever-ongrowing psychospiritual* entities (except if and as they ‘deny’ the *reality* of and ‘abandon’ Life’s Love-and-Joy-Flow ‘ship’, that is; as explained in Chapter 2). As well as of the fact that, though ‘bodies’ are indeed functionally necessary for ‘young’ (i.e. developmentally immature) *souls* to contextually (in conjunction with other embodied souls) garner co-relational experience and thereby trial-and-error *learn* to develop co-relational *balance* and Fluid-Life-Flow navigation *mastery*, because of the fact that all ‘bodies’ in the physical (i.e. time-space-n-matter-energy constituted) world eventually entropically disintegrate and so *lose* their ‘i’*dent*ity, the well-being, further development and potential immortality of anyone’s *soul*—which is the ‘treasury’ of their psychospiritual *love* and *wisdom*—is of much greater value-importance than the (inevitably temporary!) *world*·ly *power* and *gratification* of their physiosocial ‘persona’. In other words, you (anyone) will only make a lasting, and therefore time-transcendentally significant, contribution to the ever-ongoing Love-and-Joy-Flow of The Spirit of Life if you primarily honor and do what will serve to stimulate and promote further *soul-growth-and-development* (your own and that of co-related others), which prioritization requires that you subordinate (i.e. that you deprioritize) your own or others’ physical-*instinct* conditioned wants and needs in the course of such pursuit. \*\*

\* “We look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal.” (II Corinthians 4:18)

\*\* “Lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal: for where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.” (Matthew 6:20-21); “No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon.” (Matthew 6:24)

The implications and ramifications of what I've just said are much more extensive than people, generally at least, now realize. For instance, as articulated in paras 6:28-29 of my book, Godspeak 2000: "Because *most* would-be health, education and welfare providers [including parents, I might add] have concentrated on 'giving', and *most* would-be health, education and welfare seekers [including their children] have concentrated on 'receiving', what increases or provides for the increase of *instinctual* [i.e. physiosocial] pleasure and gratification, instead of augmenting Creativity they have basically just helped increase the number of human organs and amount of human creature-security, creature-comfort, creature-pleasure, and creature-aggrandizement on the planet. And this but temporarily, because the exponentially increasing wave of *instinctual* activity they have thereby engendered now runs grossly amuck – our biological and cultural ecosystem has, as a result of their choices, been cannibalized and polluted to the point where Life on earth is inexorably, day-by-day becoming an ever more competitive, narrow *self*-interest dominated, desperation tinged, criminally exploited and chaotic scramble for *instinctual* perks in ever more barren and septic environs for a greater and greater proportion of those present. What lies ahead is truly horrendous. Because we have, to such a great extent, both been seduced by and pandered to the urges of *instinct*, at least as many people will die from starvation, sickness, negligence or violence, inflicted either by fellow species members or Nature at large, in the next century as were alive at the beginning of this one. And that's only the manifest 'tip of the iceberg'. Ravaging *angst* will concomitantly wreak much more pernicious havoc\* in the realm of the *soul*."

\* "The days are coming, in the which they shall say, Blessed are the barren, and the wombs that never bare, and the paps which never gave suck. Then shall they begin to say to the mountains, Fall on us; and to the hills, Cover us." (Luke 23:29-30)

And that's not the only *hellish* kind of consequence that stems from folks valuing the maximization of *world*-ly power and gratification more than *soulfully* co-relational, *Love-and-share-Joy-with-any-and-all*



*neighbors-as-much-as-possible* experience and expression. Historically and continuing well into the present, tempero-spatial experiences of physical and social *adversity* and *insecurity* have biologically conditioned folks who are ignorant of or, even if and when they are informed about it, just egotistically choose to *dis*believe the fact that their *soul* is ensconced in, and thus a vital component of, the *ever-ongoing psychospiritual* ‘body’ of *Life Itself*,\* which conditioning, in the absence of conscious embrace of such knowledge, has impelled the majority to slavishly form and ‘i’dentify-latch onto *shared-self*-ish interest based, *collective-power* wielding *groups* which derive their cohesion from conjointly subscribed to objectives to the point where they, to one degree or another, compromise and sometimes totally abdicate their *soul*’s capacity (i.e. potential ability) to *Christ*-consciously\*\* make impartial value-judgments and effectuate ethical choices which honor The Spirit of All Life, which of course is Life Itself.

\* “Know ye not that your bodies are the members of *Christ*? (1 Corinthians 6;15)

\*\* If you’ve had predominantly *negative* thought and feeling associations with historical or current versions of ‘Christianity’ (many of which have, in my opinion, strayed quite far from what I think of as true ‘*Christ* Consciousness’), you may prefer to substitute the phrase ‘*Universal Spirit*’, or something similar, for the word ‘*Christ*’ here. The above point about power-seeking *group* motivation pertains to such *groups*, as well: “Some [seeds] fell among thorns; and the thorns sprung up, and choked them... I speak to them in parables: because they seeing see not; and hearing they hear not, neither do they understand. And in them is fulfilled the prophecy of Esaias, which saith, By hearing ye shall hear, and shall not understand; and seeing ye shall see, and shall not perceive: for this people’s heart is waxed gross, and their ears are dull of hearing, and their eyes they have closed.” (Matthew 13:7-15)

*Instinctual reactivity* in response to experiences of biosocial adversity and derivative thoughts and feelings of personal and social insecurity is the root cause of the repeating ‘waves’ of overpopulation and consequent environmental as well as social depredation (*characterized* by rivalries between adjacent *group-self* gratification and aggrandizement motivated *tribes*\* which eventually result in clashes and, ultimately, wars of conquest aimed at

*tribal* domain expansion) that have periodically disrupted entire ecosystems and reduced whole civilizations to rubble. If one doesn't look deeper, one might think that human history was nothing more than a record of such 'blindness' ricocheting around in planetary-pinball-machine action!

\* With members of each *tribe* subscribing to their own 'brand' of *belief-and-value formulations* and therefore having a different set of *customs*, such that (as the Hebrews did Canaanites and Samaritans in Jesus' day) members of other tribes are regarded and treated as undeserving 'outsiders' at best!

(Note: I use the word *tribe* quite loosely. In broad perspective, it references every kind and size of *subgroup* of our species, ranging from *gangs* to *political parties* to *nations* and *multinational commercial and religious entities*—ultimately even to *our species* itself as a group in relation to other species. It is also important to note that the generalizations I have made are for *issue-clarification only*. Every group has not been or presently is equally *self-aggrandizement* and/or *physical-and-social gratification* motivated. Some have been and some presently are relatively *soulfully* 'advanced', hence *self-restrained* and *cross-culturally* appreciative, respectful, and generous.)

As unfortunate as the destructive re-percussions stemming from *group-self* (i.e. *tribal*) aggrandizement and gratification focused motivation in many ways are, however, these are not the most lamentable consequences thereof, at least not as far as *soul-development* is concerned. As I have repeatedly restated, The Flow of Life is ever-ongoing, so, in spiritual terms, even the most physically or socially terrible occurrences—think of what those who were 'crucified' and those who were 'burned at the stake' in the past went through, for example!—are just rough-and-tumble challenges which 'spur' *souls* to (psychospiritually) transcend and move past whatever 'petty' (*self-limiting*) 'i'dentity-definitions still waylay them at that point. (Not that every soul will do so with colors flying in the course of any given '*hellish*' experience, mind you. *Souls* generally require multiple 'hard' lesson repetitions to fully learn and grow.)

What's really spiritually unfortunate, because it is so wasteful of Life's ubiquitously dispensed blessing in my opinion, is the extent to which, frightened by the 'ghostly' (these are just mirages in *Spirit-Reality!*) wisps of personal vulnerability they experience because they haven't yet become fully *spiritual-knowledge* ensconced, is the degree to which many people simply abandon their own as well as disregard and disrespect other *souls*'

capacity to intelligently make sense of, appropriately value and learn ‘better’ from actual personal experience just to conform with and *belong* to a *group* just for the ‘sake’ of a thought-feeling of *security* and *power*. You then get what we now have: masses of followers following followers of ‘victory’ promising leaders, the majority of them in the first category of “Whosoever will save his life shall lose it: and whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it.(Matthew 16:25), heading for spiritual precipices thinking that, when *push* comes to *shove*, sloganized belief proclamations (like “Jesus is Lord!”, “Allahu Akbar!”, “Deutschland Über Alles!”, Etc., Etc., Etc.!) will somehow empower them to spiritually fly!

The only reason I don’t just despair in face of the inevitability\* of what is headed our way in the above regard is that, unlike folks who *emotionally* project the suffering of ‘hellfire’ and eternal ‘damnation’ (as described in *The Book of Revelation*, for example) in consequence, I clearly see (as stated in Ch.2 of this treatise) that “There is no ‘zero’ in this regard, let alone something *negative* relative to that. Analogous to what physicists believe to be the case with physical matter-n-energy, *soulful beingness* can never really be ‘lost’ (although, as just explained, a psychospiritual constellation may [simply] stop experiencing and expressing Love and Joy and so ‘cease’ to continue as such, so thinking and speaking, as Jesus did, about the possibility of ‘losing’ one’s *soul* or others ‘losing’ theirs—in this case meaning the coherency of your or their psychospiritual being and relatedness to others—may nevertheless be a functional way of considering options in face of the dissolution and recycling dynamic that is an operationally built-in feature of Earthly-life’s ‘evolutionary’ transmigrational *process*, which, like an oceanward flowing river, ever-proceeds towards more and more comprehensively integrated Love and Joy experience and expression, albeit not in everyone’s case, as just spoken of here).”

\* Jesus also knew that what was already ‘in the works’ in his lifetime would just have to play ‘out’: “Think not that I am come to destroy the Law or the Prophets. I am not come to destroy, but to fulfill. For verily I say unto you, till heaven and earth pass away, not one jot or one tittle shall in any wise pass from the law till all be fulfilled.” (Matthew 5:17-18)

The Flow of Life is therefore already quite rough in many places now, and it is clearly going to get a lot rougher. *We* therefore have no better option than to proceed *hopefully*, as the saying goes ‘come hell or high water’. Besides moment-to-moment embracing and reveling ‘in’ the *knowledge* that we who continue to be attitudinally and intentionally *positive* in relation to everyone\* around us will proceed to experience and express Love and Joy in relationship to and with one another in *future* contexts (if not in this ‘world’, then in some other), as long as Life in our present ‘world’ continues to be viable, we also have the option of electing to ‘move’ in ways that (in fact, one might say that Life ‘calls’ us to) **capitalize on** and **creatively augment** the Love-and-Joy fruitfulness of relationship (i.e. of community and communion) here. This entails not using or *allowing* the specifics of whatever wisdom-tradition you may have found, and so probably still find, philosophically ‘rich’ and communal-experience-and-expression ‘enriching’ to operationally function as a *group-membership requirement*, as well as *opening* yourself to appreciating and embracing the *possibility* (the likelihood, actually!) that some (at least) of the ingredients of other wisdom-streams will, if and as integrated with yours, ‘enrich’ the *quality* of your and your community’s relational experience and expression of Life’s Flow also!

\* “He whose every action is done for My sake, to whom I am the final goal, who loves Me only and hates no one – O My dearest son, only he can *realize* Me!” (*The Bhagavad Gita*, Ch.11)

While there have clearly been a slew of ‘failures’ (‘extinctions’, in *worldly* terms) resulting from The Flow of Life having gone up more or less ‘dead-ended’ alleys along the way, thinking in terms of there having been a plethora of relatively ‘successful’ cultural streams and tributaries (con-tribute-aries ☺) that have co-evolved and cross-fertilized over the course of time will lead to your understanding why and how said Flow has become as oceanically integrated as It is now – albeit we clearly still have a very long way to go in this (“Other sheep I have, which are not of this fold: them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice; and there shall be one

fold, and *one* [Force-Field] shepherd.” John 10:16) regard—that is, if *we* are to fully ‘succeed’ as a species. Prophecies pertaining to such possibility notwithstanding, the script of the Final Act of *our* drama (in which each and every soul presently incarnated on Earth has a ‘role’ to play!) has not yet been conclusively written!\*

\* “Whether there be *prophecies*, they shall fail” (I Corinthians 13:8).

I hope my saying this motivates you to personally create and contribute what you think and feel is *best* from what’s left of this Life of yours. Besides what you choose to prayerfully wish for and aspire to actualize in the context of your personal engagements and interactions, as I have intimated, a great deal depends on what *we*, as individuals and collectives, *judge* (i.e. value-assess) to be ‘good’ and ‘evil’ (as previously defined) and therefore ‘upload’ into as well as selectively ‘download’ from our collective Force-Field, as we operationally go about *living* to the end of our present body’s physical life-times on Earth. In this regard, of course, watch that you don’t make *loyalty* to any individual or group your highest value. As The Flow of Life becomes more integrated, attitudes and behaviors that served positively creative purposes in the past may no longer do so!

Take to mind and heart the fact that, when and where *tribalism* as a *collective* growth-and-development facilitating phenomenon hadn’t yet reached its limits, members of a tribe had to *compete* with members of non-allied tribes for the tribe itself to physiosocially ‘survive’ (many historically didn’t!). So maximum biological reproductivity (then) trumped every other possible reason for and manner of sex and/or reproduction related behavior. Such behaviors were judged and regarded to be being absolutely unacceptable violations of tribal values which were tribally projected to be *sinful* against ‘God’. This made things like masturbation (spoken of as ‘spilling one’s seed on the ground’ in *Genesis* 38:8-10), contraception, homosexuality, and abortion for any reason punishable by death!—as, of course, was thinking of and relating to ‘God’ in any other than

tribally approved and endorsed ways, as I'm sure you at least know of from having heard about how cruelly Jesus was treated, albeit, as illustrated by [Joan of Arc](#)'s story, humanity's historical record is peppered the same way throughout. Remnants of similar kinds of judgment and response still (sadly!) ricochet around in the heads and hearts of many [monkey-see-monkey-do](#) folks who unquestioningly embrace *tribal* traditions because they bolster the thought and feeling that they and their cohorts have *special* (i.e. especially 'favored' by 'God') 'i'dentities and destinies. But such way(s) of thinking and feeling are all really 'out' of time and place now that technological advances have resulted in *group* populations *en masse* exploiting and overrunning our mother-planet's carrying capacity to the point where widespread ecosystemic collapse is imminent, which fact is further (reaper@cussionally!) aggravated by *many* descendants of such traditions competitively thinking and feeling that they are 'entitled' to more in said context—again, as a consequence of their *group*'s (all of them quite similar in this regard!) philosophical biases.

In contrast, those *souls* that have reached the point where they *truly* see and so *whole-heartedly* embrace the fact that *we* (referencing all co-existent being-doings) are living aspects of **One** Superordinate, Flow-of-Creation *Being-Doing*—this is what *Monotheism*, the proposition that there is a single Source-n-Sustainer 'Creator God', actually means!—recognize that any *group*-*'i'*dentify is no more than a *subordinate* feature of **That**, and so *only* continue to promulgate those ideas and themes in the 'scriptures' they revere which are cross-culturally translatable and across-the-board relevant, and consign whatever ideas and themes in them that aren't so to the library of the (home) temple honoring their ancestry.\*

\* Beware 'blind' embrace of everything in whatever *wisdom-tradition* brought you to your present Life point. *Orthodoxy* (of any kind, even in the field of Science!) is just an ultimately doomed, short-sighted attempt to commandeer The Flow of Life in ways that reify and reinforce the 'form' of one's presently limited *group-ego*, instead of choosing to let it more creatively Flow-propagate. [John 15:1-6](#) presents a pertinent analogy in this regard.



We are in a period of transition. In light of the fact (which, if you previously had any doubts in said regard, I hope what I have said so far has completely convinced you of) that all forms of *tribalism* are ‘old school’, and the fact (which I assume you know enough about to not need convincing of) that *survival* as well as *sexual* ‘drives’ are just physio-mechanical *instincts* (i.e. ‘programs’, or ‘algorithms’) which are genetically and hormonally ensconced in our bodies as a result of eons of physiological evolution, how *best* to manage these in non-tribal ways that are *soul-salutary* is *living wisdom* that *holistically* oriented individuals and communities are presently developing and sharing. Future generations will have to identify and culturally propagate the most positively propitious strains of these. Pertinent issues are so interwoven that a linear-logic based analysis and summary couldn’t possibly do them justice, so let me just highlight a few more things, which presently strike me as being important for those who are ‘called’ to engage in this process, to open-mind-and-warm-heart-fully consider:

Though everyone will of course ultimately have to arrive at their own conclusions in this as in any other regard,\* let me first say that I think that the evolutionary spirit-completely-transcending-selfishness by way of reincarnational learning-from-trial-and-error soul-growth and wisdom-development paradigm presented and expounded on in this treatise is much more likely than any other metaphysical or philosophical formulation I have come across to orient as well as inspirationally motivate spiritual seekers in ways which ‘lead’ them to such ‘destiny’. I therefore recommend that, of course *discerningly* casting aside charlatanic☹ (foolish and *self-serving*) presentations and presenters who abound in this as in any other information-field, such seekers thoroughly research this subject as well as share their findings with others who may be curious and open to becoming more informed in said regard. There is a lot of credible reporting and intelligent commentary relating thereto available for inspection and consideration these days.

\* “Let every man be fully persuaded in his own mind.” (Romans 14:5) Believing something because other individuals believe it is an indication that one is just an intelligence-abdicated ‘imitator’, not someone committed to growing and developing in one’s own right as a *soul*.



Next, because *groupism* is phenomenologically so *self* reifying (as opposed to *soul*-growth and *wisdom*-development stimulating and *higher*-evolution augmenting), let me emphasize the *value* of following the above recommendation. Logically now: anyone with a residual propensity to embrace *self*-reinforcing and/or *other*-denigrating *tribal* values is less likely to glom. onto *groupism* if they believe, or at least strongly suspect, that they themselves are likely to reincarnate and experience Life as a member of whatever group or groups (type or types, class or classes, race or races, etc.) of people they presently ‘glorify’ themselves in comparison to and/or look ‘down’ upon or treat ‘poorly’ in less than “love your neighbor as yourself” fashion. Because this is how reincarnational dynamics ‘work’: by providing *souls* with *opportunities* (if and as they so choose, that is) to gradually (at their own speed, of course) become *more* empathetic and (so, eventually at least!) *universally* loving.

*Instinctual self*-aggrandizing and *self*-gratifying tendencies are, of course, never ‘simply’ –just snap your fingers and it will happen! –transcended.\* But, anyone can comprehensively grasp what I am talking about here by considering the kinds of things that teachers of reincarnational philosophy typically use to illustrate issues pertaining to the subject: Many of today’s Israelis and Palestinians, for example, may be ‘seen’ as having been yesterday’s Islamist and Zionist *souls*, now reincarnated as ‘the other’\*\* (with some still *unlearned supremacist*-ideology embracing Nazi and earlier-incarnated Roman Catholic ones undoubtedly into the mix). Such *antipathy*-energized and so presently recalcitrant *souls* will either progress or regress even further depending on what they choose to think, feel and do this time around.

\* “O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, thou that killest the prophets, and stonest them which are sent unto thee, how often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings, and ye would not!” (Matthew 23:37)

\*\* Note: the *form* of one’s ‘i’entity is of no consequence in the domain of Spirit. It is the *character, or quality*, of a *soul*’s spiritual motivation that determines the nature of *its* expressions and experiences in what Jesus referenced as ‘the Kingdom of God’ (which includes significant features of what are thought of as *Heaven* and *Hell* right here on Earth, by the way!).

*Homosexuality* is another kind of difference (between people) which, due to its not being placed and viewed in a framework of reincarnational dynamics, is still often closed-mind-and-cold-heart-edly condemned and persecuted instead of being truly understood and (so) socially accepted and embraced. (As previously intimated, such reactivity is the trickle-down result of power-oriented *tribal* traditions ‘branding’ all non-physically-reproductive sexual behaviors as Spirit-of-Life ‘violation’.) I remember going to a weekend workshop for high-school teachers interested in becoming counselors, where reputable psychiatrists and psychologists shared the results of research which showed that the personality characteristics of ‘well-adjusted’ *homosexuals* (as a group) were more similar to those of ‘well-adjusted’ *heterosexuals* (as a group) than they were to those of ‘neurotic’ *homosexuals* (as a group), and that the personality characteristics of the latter were more similar to those of ‘neurotic’ *heterosexuals* (as a group) than they were to those of ‘well-adjusted’ *homosexuals* (as a group). Contemplating the implications of these research findings will lead you to the ‘right’ (i.e. *truthful*) conclusions about the nature of *homosexuality* if you are morally inclined towards being impartial and therefore averse to *scapegoating* any ‘other’ person or category of people just to ‘get off’ ☺ on projected thoughts and feelings of your own or your group’s ‘righteousness’.

The implications of that information are significant in their own right, But let me proceed to further highlight the fact that a reincarnational perspective can lead one to become more other-inclusive because it prompts as well as enables one to empathetically comprehend and sympathetically evaluate all sorts of motives and behaviors, *homosexual* ones for example in this case. Not being personally ‘geared’ in such way themselves otherwise often results in many simply reacting to such choices as being ‘incomprehensibly’ gross or yucky (which, as you may or may not know, is how many prepubescent adolescents react when they first hear what the phrase ‘French Kissing’ actually references). The superordinate fact in this regard, however,

is that Life in relationship to and with others involves a mix of ‘giving’ and ‘receiving’, so all souls in due course have to incarnate and learn to become balanced in both male and female energy-principle governed contexts on their way to becoming holistically mature. This process may require and (so) involve any number and variety of permutations in this regard, but if and when a *soul* first switches to having a ‘male’ body after having had a series of incarnations in ‘female’ ones, it (understandably) may carry over a comparatively strong, recent-lives based residual-memory ‘appreciation’ of and ‘attraction’ to *masculine* characteristics and therefore quite nature-ally have *homosexual* propensities as a ‘man’. What may be thought of as ‘the converse’ of this should make why and how souls incarnating in ‘female’ bodies after having had a series of incarnations in ‘male’ ones may have *lesbian* leanings as ‘women’ similarly understandable.

The same kind of dynamic also ‘explains’ the otherwise inexplicable phenomenon of children who, as they grow up, on their own start thinking and feeling that their biological bodies do not reflect their *true* gender and so (nature-ally!) wish to hormonally, as well as surgically if possible, ‘switch’ sexes. The motivation of people who feel drawn towards and enjoy ‘cross dressing’ or theatrically performing as ‘drag queens’ may also likewise be *truly* understood. There is nothing which merits being thought of and labeled ‘perverse’ or ‘Satanic’ in such cases (though *tribally* brainwashed folks may of course, for *group*-power reinforcing reasons already discussed, ‘slavishly’ continue to do so).

The same spiritual-influence of residual-memory operating under the ‘radar-scope’ of ‘normal’ (i.e. physical-brain based) consciousness explanation actually pertains to everything that *souls* karmically\* ‘inherit’ from previous lifetimes, which they then have the opportunity to (creatively or destructively, or a mix thereof, as the case may be) act upon in the context of their present historic life. Those with the capacity to envision such things speak of The Pattern of Life-at-Large (from age to age) as being (like) a Fabulous Tapestry which ‘dramatizes’ a *Light vs. Darkness* themed Cosmic

Play. What many think and speak of as ‘*Divine* inspiration’ and ‘*Demonic* possession’ both contribute to the ‘shapes’ and ‘textures’ one may experience and encounter therein. This isn’t just airy-fairy speculation, now. As stated in Chapter 2, Jesus recognized this as pertaining to his own life because he clearly said so: “His disciples asked him, saying, Why then say the scribes that Elias [the Greek transliteration of the name *Elijah*] must first come? And Jesus answered and said unto them, Elias truly shall first come, and restore all things. But I say unto you, That Elias is come already, and they knew him not, but have done unto him whatsoever they listed. Likewise shall also the Son of man suffer of them. Then the disciples understood that he spake unto them of John the Baptist.” (Matthew 17:10-13).

\* *Karma* references consequential aspects of ‘the pattern’ of one’s ongoing Life-Flow, which ‘pattern’ will just continue to repeat itself in time unless it is psychospiritually changed, (*Newton’s First Law* states the physical analog: “Every body continues in its state of rest, or of uniform motion in a straight line, unless it is compelled to change that state by forces impressed upon it.”)

There is no end to what can be meaningfully shared in this regard. I hope what I have said so far provides you with the orientation necessary as well as incentivizes you to successfully navigate your way through whatever issues may still need resolution by way of journeying through the ‘field’ of your soul’s ongoing co-relational engagements. Some final pointers pertaining to the topic of helping to create, sustain and nurture future group-domination forswearing, and so eschewing the exercise of *power* for *selfish* purposes, societies and civilizations:

Logic dictates that the top-most criterion for evaluating any particular ‘policy’ or ‘practice’ in any such society’s regard has to be its *potential* (nothing can ever be guaranteed, of course!) to stimulate and strengthen the *soul growth* and corollary *spiritual-wisdom development* of citizen-members. Among other things, this entails providing said members with the *freedom* (access and opportunity, really) to choose to learn from the educational materials and teaching members of any and all available

*wisdom-traditions*,\* as well as by way of engaging in honest, *trial-and-failure-or-success* possibility laced relationships with others in the community, also of their own choosing. ‘Good’ judgments and consequently creatively functional choices will, of course, have to be made in such regards, since both modes of learning will only be *positively* productive if and to the extent that those involved have been ‘educated’ or otherwise ‘guided’ to conscientiously (i.e. non-soul-spirit-abdicationally as well as non-soul-spirit-violationally) do so. (All this, in sharp contrast with what goes on in *tribal* contexts, wherein considerations pertaining to whether or not and the degree to which folks *obediently* embrace and do what *tribal*-custom dictates will reinforce and strengthen the *power* and *status* of the *group* and its *leaders*, generally at least, reign supreme.)

\* Though the Schools of ‘modern’ Psychology and Sociology both emerged from the ‘field’ of *Matter-Energy* focused Science (the members of which are for the most part still not *Spirit-of-Life-Itself* cognizant) this doesn’t mean they can’t be Wisdom-Sources. Today’s Psychologists and Social-Workers often have more functionally relevant knowledge to share than members of traditionally revered Wisdom-Schools pertaining to what “Love your neighbor as yourself” really entails in co-equal as well as adult-child relational contexts.

Not that anything is ever completely ‘black’ or ‘white’ in the foregoing regards, but such *soul* growth and *wisdom* development honoring philosophy is something that anyone anywhere can focally concentrate on maximally actualizing (to whatever degree may be *possible* in their present Life-Flow context) with the aim of ‘rising above’ *petty-selfishness* and ‘ascending’ as *soulful* being-doings in Love-and-Joy-full relationship with others. *We* are *all* in this together—Jesus didn’t just incarnate to “the truth shall make you free” (John 8:32) liberate ‘himself’, you know!

Of course, it is crucial that anyone engaged in such venture fully register the implications of the fact that *coercion* trashes the possibility of *free-willed* experience and expression, and hence is antithetical to genuine *soul* growth and *wisdom* development as well. Just imagine what it would feel like if

someone tried to *force you* to ‘love’ someone or something, or to be ‘loved’ by someone who was *forced* to do so. Those who embrace this *soul* growth and *wisdom* development for the ‘sake’ of Life Itself philosophy should therefore ‘religiously’ only use *power* to *force* anyone to behave in a way they think or feel is ‘good’ if and to the extent that they (conscientiously!) *judge* that a much more egregious ‘travesty’ against Life would otherwise (very likely, at least) result. In every other case, the values and motives implicit in The Parable of The Lost Sheep and child-rearing-focused teachings like Positive Parenting Principles (as short-form exhorted in “Suffer little children, and forbid them not, to come unto me: for of such is the kingdom of heaven!” Matthew 19:14), pertain in spades! Because this is the only means that will be *soulfully* benign in effect, the preferred mode-choice in any attempt to exercise ‘influence’ or ‘correction’ for purposes one deems to be desirable must always be purely educational (i.e. guidance providing), neither *punitive* nor *controlling* (i.e. compliance enforcing), in intent,

The ethical (in terms of eschewing *soul* ‘travesty’ and therefore renouncing the *selfish* use of *power*) principle I advocate actually applies to all aspects of our being-n-doing on the planet. When you combine that with the value of *generosity* (which I extolled earlier), you get the moral expressed by the Boy Scout motto: “Always leave the campground cleaner than you found it.” If you wish to take this one step further, I urge you to look up and contemplate the implications of Permaculture as a philosophy and movement if you aren’t already fully acquainted with it. In my opinion, it is very relevant to the creation of communities and cultures that promote *soulful* well-being as well as nurture further growth and *wisdom* development in said regard.

Finally, always keep your spiritual eyes open. Remnants of tribalism still run rampant in many parts of the world. You too are therefore, by default as it were, being “[sent] forth as sheep in the midst of wolves.” (Matthew 10:16) Be *judicious* when making assessments and, accordingly, *choose* what’s *best*. Always (conscientiously!) aim to be *inclusive* in your understanding and



optimally *beneficent* in your dispensation of *love* and *wisdom*, both as developed by you and your associates and as guided to by the ‘scriptures’\* and ‘laws’ of the culture your community is embedded in (insofar as these are in accord with the former, of course).

\* In this regards, I have come across arguments as well as flat-out assertions that various religious and philosophical *scriptures* were historically edited so as to include as well as delete portions of the ‘original’ text, as, for any number of reasons, deemed desirable by those who did such editing, Also, that there were more than a few folks who also felt ‘called’ to be messianic preachers in and around the area where Jesus carried out his mission, in the latter case resulting in the the sayings of a diverse bunch of folks being (as remembered) being compiled into *scriptural* texts which since then have all been assumed to be records of what Jesus himself actually said. Both ideas strike me as *probably really* being the case, ‘Fake’ identities and ‘fake’ news is not just a *modern* phenomenon, in other words! It therefore behooves any serious, would-be *Christian* or *Universalist* to critically evaluate (i.e. ‘judge’) each and every one of his recorded utterances and *see* whether and to what degree these actually ‘synch up’ with their (own!) overall impression of what Jesus’ *values* really were and his *mission*, therefore, really about.

I leave you with an obviously questionable statement, often attributed to Jesus, to contemplate as an example of what I am talking about here, at least if and as it is taken and understood by itself. I ask you: does “If thy right hand offend thee, cut it off, and cast it from thee: for it is profitable for thee that one of thy members should perish, and not that thy whole body should be cast into hell.” (Matthew 5:30) strike you as being consistent with his advocating that we *love* our ‘enemies’ (albeit love doesn’t mean simply honoring anyone’s predilections, of course!), and that we therefore transcendentally aim to ‘forgive’ and ‘redeem’ erring souls, who by definition are also aspects of The Flow of Life as well? This is an essential component of the Alcoholic Anonymous (“AA”) Organization’s founding principle, which is what makes their ministry so much more *positively* effective than previously preferred “cut it off” responses to this and other ‘spiritual error’ consequent ‘offences’.

This is it. I’ve done my best to ‘reveal’ what’s really what by way of evocative words and images. This stew is ready to heat up and serve. May The Flow of your Life be instrumental in generating the greatest possible *Love-and-Joy* surf-fest possible in all of the above regards!