

A CONCEPTualized deSCRIPTION of GOD (for those who enjoy ruminating about such things)

Excerpted from Ch.32 of the book entitled *Initiation* by Elizabeth Haich:

God is everywhere present and the emanation of His omnipresence is manifest in the visible, material world as natural law. Therefore, nothing can happen outside natural laws. Yet these laws differ from one stage of development to another.

Different laws apply to the spiritual, the mental, and the material world. And in the material world we find different laws at work in one and the same form of matter, depending on the magnitudes involved. For example, it is a law of nature for the surface of a body of water at rest to be horizontal. But this law is valid only within certain magnitudes. A drop of water in the calyx of a flower has a spherical shape, and a microscopic being living in this miniature world would come to the conclusion that water always has a spherical shape. Why? Because the relation between the surface tension of water and the power which forces water into the horizontal is very different in a drop—that is, in a small quantity—from what it is in a large body of water. And yet, the same laws are at work. People know very little about the laws of nature, with the exception of those they have experienced in daily life. They have become accustomed to these and call them "laws of nature". And having found names for them they believe they know the true essence of the laws of nature. They accept these laws and their effects as a matter of course. But when they are suddenly confronted by some phenomenon they know nothing about, they immediately speak of "miracles" or "magic".

People do not realize these forces are no less laws of nature than those to which they have become accustomed and think they know, even though they haven't the vaguest notion about their true character. For man doesn't know why a plant will grow from seed or why a new being will evolve from an impregnated cell. Neither do people know what "insemination" really means and why, after insemination, the cell will divide and subdivide. They have no idea why this subdividing process is repeated again and again, not even stopping at birth, going on and on until a full-grown individual has developed out of that one single first cell ... then still going on until this chain reaction slows down by itself and gradually gives way to a decline. But since people experience this daily, they take it for granted and aren't the least bit surprised at it. Still, the growth of a plant of a seed, the birth of a child, death, the different effects of the winds blowing from different directions, and many other experiences of everyday life are just as "miraculous" as the effect and the secret of this staff {referencing a "magical" staff the recipient of this talk had witnessed the use of earlier} and the other "miracles" and the "magic power" of the initiated {referencing those who had successfully mastered the teachings being given}.

For you to truly understand the forces used by the initiated and applied through this staff of life you will first have to learn a number of things.

When we spoke about "the tree of knowledge of good and evil" you learned that everything which has taken on material form is visible and perceivable only because it has fallen out of

perfect unity and perfect equilibrium. But from this state of disjunction, everything tends eternally to return to unison and balance. "Equilibrium" means complete repose, motionlessness. On the other hand, "to have become something"—that is, to have taken on visible, tangible form—is identical with loss of balance and with the constant urge to regain this equilibrium. It means incessant unrest, with continual movement. Should this constant motion cease even for only a moment, all creation would suddenly be transformed into spiritual energy, that is, materially destroyed.

All energy, all the forces of the universe, are movements which emanate from one point—their own center—and radiate in circular waves in all directions, manifesting themselves as vibrations or oscillations. These manifestations of force cease only when the forces that have got out of balance regain their primordial state of equilibrium, the divine unity. Hence when we speak of the "primordial state" we mean the state in which all material phenomena have ceased to exist. As long as the three-dimensional, material world exists its immutable law is that of unrest, of movement.

The fact that the creative force manifests itself on each and every level of innumerable possibilities means there are countless different wavelengths, waveforms, and frequencies. And as long as we are in the body, with its limited perceptive ability, we can perceive only a certain number of these waveforms because our organs of sense are limited. Whether some form of vibration appears to us as "immaterial energy" or as solid "matter" depends upon our own idea and the impression of something which is basically nothing but "movement", "vibration", or "frequency".

The shorter the waves in which the form of energy manifests itself the less our consciousness records a sensation of matter. To the vibrations that are transmitted directly to our consciousness by our organs of sense we give names according to the sensations we feel: matter, sound, electricity, heat, taste, smell, light. The still higher, immaterial energies and radiations, perceptible only by means of our brain and nerve centers, we call thought waves, idea waves. Beyond them there are still higher, more penetrating rays and frequencies, all the way up to the *very highest all-pervading frequencies of the divine-creative power: life itself!* We can only perceive these frequencies as a state of consciousness.

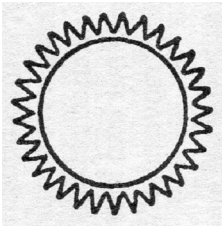
So, throughout the universe, countless variations of vibrations are at work, ranging from the shortest to the longest wave length. Every form of creation, beginning with the celestial bodies and ranging all the way down to the tiniest monocellular creature—all the myriad manifestations of creation—are the effects of various forms of these rays. We live in these various rays whether we know it or not; even more, *these forms of energy have built and formed us as human beings* and are constantly at work in our body, our mind, and our entire being. The whole universe consists of these various vibrations. The source of these creative vibrations we call *God*.

God himself stands above all manifestations of life and rests in himself in absolute equilibrium without time and without space. But he is constantly radiating himself out into material forms in order to give these forms life. As God is omnipresent and fills the entire

universe, everything that is in the universe is penetrated and filled by God. Nothing can exist without being in God and without God's penetrating it, as God is everywhere present and nothing can displace or dislodge him from his own presence. Consequently, every point offers a possibility that God may manifest himself through it, and everything that exists in our perceptible world carries this point at its own center within itself. From this point, there began its first manifestation, its creation, its fall from equilibrium.

This aspect of God who creates the material world and gives it life by penetrating it, that is the actual life in the sand in all creatures, we call the "higher self". Expressions like "God", "creator", "universal self", "higher self" or the "creative principle" all mean one and the same *divinity* in its various aspects.

The energies radiating from the center are still highly spiritual in the center and of the highest frequencies. But the farther they radiate from the center, the more material they become... until these radiating energies are gradually changed into matter. In this way the radiating power limits itself, and at the edge of manifestation farthest removed from the center it becomes a hard, material rind or crust. For this reason, the picture—the "name"—of God who manifests himself in the visible world is a circle, an inner circle of higher powers, surrounded by a hard, material rind or crust.



Expressed in letters, the symbol is OM.

(The rest of the Chapter, indeed the whole book, amplifies what's said here, greatly illuminating our present 'human condition'.)