

# Enlightenment and Ritual

*Awakening to True Identity from  
Sanskrit and Hebrew Sources*

## Two Book Set

**Note to Reader:** After completing both of these books, we were faced with the choice between two small books on very related subjects, or one perfect combination of Enlightenment and awakening to the true meaning of Ritual.

As you can see, I made the choice to give you both as introductory material for our first book on Enlightenment, *Thus Saith the Flame to the Spark*, and the companion book, *Bow with Unity*. If you realize the simple truth of these two books, this may prompt you to find our other books expanding these ideas by deeper meaning. See these other titles if this book meets your expectations:

All of the books in this set are in order of writing:

*Thus Saith the Flame to the Spark: Ten Dimensions of Enlightenment – One Mind, One Heart, One Unity (2018)*

*Bow with Unity – Benefactors of Orphans and Widows (2018)*

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# Enlightenment

## Awakening to True Identity

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"Turn your face to God,  
for things are in a dangerous condition.  
Yet, even in your present state,  
my friend, do not give up hope, but look to God  
and give yourself up to Its will. You thought your  
own strength of spirit proceeded from yourself...thus you  
have fallen into weakness. But do not give up  
hope, because He, who can produce weakness  
from strength, can bring forth an even greater  
strength from this weakness."  
~Rumi the Sufi, from Discourse 1

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## **Rumi the Sufi**

### **Discourse 3**

**Rumi answered: Those works too are work done for God, since they are the means of providing peace and security for your country. You sacrifice yourself, your possessions, your time, so the hearts of a few will be lifted to peacefully obeying God's will. So this too is a good work. God has inclined you towards such good work, and your great love for what you do is proof of God's blessing.**

# Introduction

## What is Enlightenment?

**True realization is not something you learn, but enlightenment to who you are by nature and unity with others.**

If you have been searching for the simple answer to enlightenment from scriptures, traditions, or any other source, see into the first sentence above. The very thing you have searched for is in the predication of the statement—**You are Nature and Unity**. The answer is always in the question. Who, What, Where, When, Why, and How are all you as the answer, but only when you awaken to Love as your nature, identity, and unity with all life. That's it. Simple.

### My Own Journey

This year marked my fiftieth birthday. On December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018, I finally remembered who I am, experiencing profound realization and enlightenment. In a moment, my mind was suddenly flipped from the impermanent egoic perspective to that of my higher mind looking out across creation. Just a few short hours later, my good friend, PJ, experienced the same memory and realization. With this moment of realization, we joined countless others from ages past, seeing the same eternal truth of interbeing.

The very day we were both awakened, we started writing the book, *“Thus Saith the Flame to the Spark: Ten Dimensions of Enlightenment – One Mind, One Heart, One Unity.”* After publishing this book on January 1<sup>st</sup>, I began writing the book, *“Bow with Unity – Benefactors of Orphans and Widows,”* finishing the book in one week. Today, I begin and finish writing this book (January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2018).

You might be asking, “what do you mean, remembered?” You might also be asking, “how are you able to write three books in such a short time?”

The answer to both these questions is at the heart of this book and the other two works created in under two months. The answer is already inside us all. The content of the WORD is the central theme of the two books written before this short introduction to enlightenment. WORD is the basis for creation as a reality, but Love is at the heart of why creation is the same image of God in a mirror. Understood simply, **God is Love** (1 John 4:8). Enlightenment is this simple:

### **You are what God is from the foundation of creation.**

From this simple understanding of true identity, you then find unity with all beings originating from the same source. All of creation proclaims this truth of source, allowing you to see one simple truth setting you free from all error: **One Mind – One Heart – One Unity**

If this truth is realized, all things in your life begin to shift toward the Love you have remembered. By remembering your identity with the Father of creation, you begin to remember all aspects of your being from the many lives you have lived. While I cannot give you the realization of identity, heart, and unity with simple words on a page, I can assist you in remembering how to wake up by symbolism.

In Sanskrit, the word BUDH (buddha) means, “to awaken.” Buddha’s mother is Maya (Illusion). At Christmas, you are eventually informed that Santa Clause is your own Mother and Father. When the illusion of creation as an image of your own higher mind is broken, the same truth is realized. It is with this first realization that I show you many more to come.

By the way, Santa in Sanskrit means, “Good Man,” while Manu in Sanskrit means, “to think.” Man is gender neutral, deriving its meaning from the Sanskrit word as a source. All WORD is woven as a Sutra (thread) into our own robe (Tantra). The word Tantra in Sanskrit holds the meaning of the word you sew into your own mind by thinking. Hebrew holds the very same meaning.

Let me say something again, quoted from above:

“WORD is the basis for creation as a reality, but Love is at the heart of why creation is the image of God. Understood simply, **God is Love** (1 John 4:8).”

In Hebrew, the word Father is Aleph Bet, or Strong House by the meaning of the letters. The Alphabet represents the letters—like DNA—producing Word. Word is the essence of what you are by identity, but not apart from the Light of Love producing it. In Christian symbolism, the Logos is the foundation of creation, or the image you wear as your own body.

### **John 1**

**In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.**

Notice that the proof of DNA is encoded into the words emerging from the author of the book of John in the Bible, but also from Sanskrit. If we call the Bible the living word, we deny the truth of the one writing the words with inspiration. See into this by your own identity as the author of your journey in life. The true Living Word is not the graven images we make in books, but the author of words sharing the one mind we all use in life. Manu means, “to think.”

Remember, your own identity is also the unity of one collective mind giving us all life. YOU are the Living Word, not a shadow of this word in a book. The whole of the world around you is the shadow of the one collective mind we all share. Never worship shadows outside the truth. YOU are the truth you have been searching for in this life.

As you begin to think on these things, your next realization of Love by identity is only a short leap of acceptance. Faith is the foundation of unity, and trust is Love as identity. God is Love and so are you, but Love only recognizes itself. Now that you have already

had two realizations, this last realization of Love is seen by the faithfulness of two dependent realities.

### **1 John 4:16**

**God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in them.**

If you believe you are Love, then faithfulness to this belief is the mirror waking you up. If you realize your own current egoic nature is not love, then the first job is to fix this error in yourself. The rest of this book is written to assist you in seeing into the mirror of this faithfulness to your true identity. Of course, acceptance of this truth is a choice by your own thoughts, words, and deeds. The gift Love offers is itself. Without being Love, you cannot realize Love as Identity, Nature, and Unity. Love only recognizes itself. Be this. Ho in Sanskrit means, “to be.” Santa tells you the truth. Merry Christmas if you understand.

Once you read this short book, my suggestion would be the next book in this series: *Bow with Unity*. When you finish, read the book, *Thus Saith the Flame to the Spark*. In support of these three books, my first book on the topic of birth in life was written back in 2013 (*The Present is the Gift-The True Meaning of Baptism in the Jordan*). Attached to the book you are reading, I have added my next book in this series, *Ritual*. All five books paint similar pictures, all describing enlightenment from differing perspectives.

I took the book; *The Present is the Gift*, out of publication the same month I published it. After realizing the book was incomplete by my own view of the Lord, I kept it in reserve for the day I finally realized the truth. On January 1<sup>st</sup>, I was able to do a few revisions, republishing the book on the same day with *Thus Saith the Flame to the Spark*. Together, the five books on this topic paint a complete picture of reality. Right View, Right Nature and Right Unity provide the proof. Start with this, then find the whole story for yourself by the simple truth:

**One Mind, One Nature, and One Unity.**

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# Chapter 1

## God is Love – True Universal Identity with God

### **Love is our true nature.**

This first affirmation of enlightenment is the center for all other realizations to follow. Seeing into the essence of enlightenment and awakened mind is a simple truth, yet nearly impossible for anyone to fully accept while in the dreaming state of material life. The basis and foundation for this book rests on this one truth: **Love is what I am at the core of my being.** By referring to myself, of course, I am referring to all of us equally. As you will come to see, your unity and identity with others is central to realization of your true nature.

I will keep this book very short, allowing the simple truth to show you the way past your own egoic nature. The details of enlightenment have already been seen from the introduction, so the remainder of this book will comprise a series of short realizations from one of my favorite enlightened mystics: Rumi the Sufi. As well, I will use John 17 to show the Christian side of this story. While two witnesses are enough, I will provide a third witness from Hindu Sanskrit. See my other books for the complete expression of all witnesses, showing a unified cloud of witness from the rainbow of human thought.

With four witnesses saying the same thing, it may be possible for the reader of this book to realize unity with the author. Quite literally, we are both the same by identity. If this book succeeds, you will realize the echo in the mirror of mind to mind contact from word. Once you realize this simple truth, taking one more step beyond our shared mind in the assembly of creation will reveal your true identity with Love—God’s essence given as a gift to all sentient beings.

### **John 17:1-5**

**After Jesus said this, he looked toward heaven and prayed:**

**“Father, the hour has come. Glorify your Son, that your Son may glorify you.**

With this first statement, we see Jesus acknowledge his unity with the Father of creation. By glorification, we see into the mystery of a Son's first unity with the Father before creation, which is again referenced in quotes to come.

The word Glorification is the Greek word *Doxasan*, meaning, "to bestow glory upon." As you continue to realize how unity with Love (God) is gained, see into this by the words Jesus uses to show his own relative nature to God before glorification. Another word for glorification is Deification, or the concept of Apotheosis.

Apotheosis is the process to make divine. For a complete view of this term, see the Wikipedia article on the Apotheosis of George Washington. This mystery is literally encoded into all aspects of our reality. Once you know, you see it everywhere.

### **John 17 Continued:**

**For you granted him authority over all people that he might give eternal life to all those you have given him. Now this is eternal life: that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent.**

As we find from 1 Corinthians 15, the process of this granted authority ends when the same dominion and authority is handed back to God the Father. If you notice nothing else from this verse set, realize the nature of One Absolute and True God in relation to the relative prime. In our other books, this relationship is outlined in detail. For now, I will leave these details out of our introduction. If you want more from this topic now, see our forum at [www.AlephBetBlog.org](http://www.AlephBetBlog.org).

The essence of eternal life can now be seen by connection to knowing our own identity in the Father, just as the Son (our image in creation) recognizes in himself. It is with this truth that I show an error in thinking from the Christian faith and message. When I say error, I do not mean our view of the Christian faith is false, but only point out the relative missing in theology.

It is true that we find our identity first in the Son. This is true because we are the Son as relative to the Father, but the relative to this truth is to see unity as one Son being raised. All of us are this same collective work as images and host to the one Lord being raised. As you begin to awaken, realize this central truth: The part contains the whole and the whole contains the parts. Unless you see by complete view, you will never see beyond relative division. It is on this point that the church fails to recognize identity with the Father. Ego stands in the way from judgment of others.

### **John 17 Continued:**

**I have brought you glory on earth by finishing the work you gave me to do. And now, Father, glorify me in your presence with the glory I had with you before the world began.**

All of us are the Sanskrit term, **Sattva**, meaning true being. While I cannot give a complete explanation here, realize that your lower nature in ignorance of identity is divided as a relative to your true identity with God. At the beginning of creation, **YOU** were the Son in glory with the Father. Within Him, we all exist. Allow me to show you one first presupposition we must all hold to see this as true. As you read from the rest of this book, keep this first presupposition held firmly in the mind:

### **Colossians 1**

**The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him. He is before all things, and in him all things hold together.**

The part contains the whole and the whole contains the parts. **ONE!** This is your identity before creation, in glory with the Father. Are you on the list above?

## **Rumi the Sufi (from Discourse 2)**

**Just as this copper astrolabe reflects the movements of the heavens like a mirror, so the human being is the astrolabe of God. “We have honored the children of Adam.” Those who have been moved by God to see the one reality and learn Its ways through the astrolabe of their own being, behold moment by moment, flash by flash, the testament of God. Indeed, it is an infinite beauty that never leaves their mirror.**

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## Chapter 2

### We Are Love – True Universal Unity

#### Unity is Our True Being All in All

Unity is the assembly (church) we all occupy as images of the Son. From the first being Adam, all humankind is the image of Word in a created reality. As you recall from our introduction, WORD is the Logos parallel to the shadow we see from DNA. Links and chains of letters (Aleph Bet) is the Father of creation mirrored into the Son as a first image. The Father then remains as Absolute and unmanifest by his own identity—that of Love, invariant by identity, nature, and unity with the whole.

By unmanifest, I show God here as a latent nature waiting to be realized. Once Love is realized, the unmanifest becomes manifest in the mind of the person experiencing enlightenment. In terms of Sanskrit definition, this is Yoga, or unity. From Hebrew, this is Echad, or unity of multiples. It is on this point that we begin to remember who we are.

This small shift of understanding then shows our relationship to other sleeping minds around us in all corners of creation. This simple realization of identity with the God of Love opens the gates of heaven like a flower, allowing remembrance of our first face before creation to appear. Who are we before creation begins? The one Son of God. Inside the Son, all of us express as Sutras (threads) from the same Book of Life.

If you refer to the Ten Dimensions page at the head of this book, see that the entire book is held in dimension ten itself. All lower dimensions are then mirrored into dimension nine as the Son of God Himself. From this, the first folded mind is the entire Book of Life containing us all, equally expressing all ten dimensions. Each image born from this essence is also the mirror to all ten dimensions, or the Mother and Father of Creation in all things. By Mother, I refer to God's Spirit (Ruach is feminine).

Once the Son branches as a tree from the folded first seed, lines of mind then cascade from dimension seven (learning) into the lower

six realms below. All trees grow in this manner—Line, Branch and Fold. From root to fruit, we all mirror the entire essence of first nature. Love is the one identity we express when enlightenment is realized.

The lower six realms are known as Samsara in Sanskrit, or Time and Space. Refer to the Ten Dimensions list mentioned earlier. In the Bible, Paul visits the third heaven, or Sattva (dimensions 7-9). In Sanskrit, this is the Triloka, or three modes of being: Tamas (ignorance), Rajas (passion) and Sattva (True Being). Our Higher nature is invariant. Our lower nature, below in Samsara, is translational.

If you do a short bit of research into the physics of invariant symmetry and translational symmetry, you will discover your true nature as immovable and unchanging. Discovery of this nature is known in Sanskrit as Dzogchen, or universal Neutral / Positive. As it turns out, the Strong Force in nature is Neutron (neutral) and Proton (positive). In the next two books, I show this in great detail.

We will leave this chapter with our goal: For our mind to fully realize identity, nature, and unity, we must eliminate three non-virtues in relative to this simple truth of interbeing:

- 1) Wrong View (misplaced identity of self and other)
- 2) Wrong Nature (ill will and anger / all non-virtues)
- 3) Wrong Desire (disunity with others)

Easily, we see the parallel to this in relative terms, expressed by the three Jewels of both Christian faith and Buddhist tradition:

- 1) BUDDHA (Awakened Mind to Identity)
- 2) DHARMA (Awakened Nature Universal / LOVE)
- 3) SANGHA (Assembly / Church / Unity with All in All)

Again, to draw a parallel, see that BUDDHA is the Son of God as one mind, in image to the Father Absolute. Relatives are then the unity of the assembly (church), united around the nature of God—LOVE. If this view is held firmly in mind, all other religious traditions are commentary to this truth:

## One Mind – One Heart – One Unity

### Rumi the Sufi (from Discourse 52)

**Rumi explained: Dislike is a narrow world compared to friendship. That is why people run from hatred to find friendship. But the world of friendship is itself narrow next to the Source of both friendship and dislike. Friendship and enmity, unbelief and faith—these are all opposites that lead to duality. Yet a world exists where there is no duality but only pure unity, and when we reach that world we are beyond friendship and dislike. There is no room for two in that world.**

**When we arrive there, we leave duality behind. The world of freedom we loved and struggled for is narrow next to that state where no opposites exist. Therefore, we no longer desire it, and are repulsed by it.**

## Chapter 3

### I Am Love – True Universal Nature

Notice how we now arrive back at our true identity with Love—God’s own essence and heart by unity with all relatives. With this one single truth named by the one word we clearly trust and recognize, Love begins its work on our hearts. Cultivation of our true nature is now the heart from which we operate. If fully realized, Love begins to express in unity with our own heart and mind. This is not something I can just say to you for belief, it is evidenced by experience. There are many paths to this experience, but we will focus our examination of Enlightenment squarely on a concept known as Practice—Manu’s job to think.

#### John 17:6-10

**“I have revealed you to those whom you gave me out of the world. They were yours; you gave them to me and they have obeyed your word. Now they know that everything you have given me comes from you. For I gave them the words you gave me and they accepted them. They knew with certainty that I came from you, and they believed that you sent me. I pray for them. I am not praying for the world, but for those you have given me, for they are yours. All I have is yours, and all you have is mine. And glory has come to me through them.”**

Revelation and realization are two different views. With revelation, the mind must accept the direct experiences of others. With realization, direct experience is the heart of truth attained. The revelation of Christ here is direct experience with the Father through the Son. All of us are first creations of the Father (Sattva / True Being). From this, we are then given to the Son as expressions in the image of creation. This is the Word making the Illusion (Maya), allowing the mind to sleep in a state of ignorance of true being.

If you get this, then you understand why we must fall into Samsara, or the illusion of ignorance. In truth, we are perfection above. By touching our higher mind in practice (meditation), we glean

our true nature and being as experience. This is true for us and it is true for the Son of God.

### **John 8:28**

**So Jesus said, “When you have lifted up the Son of Man, then you will know that I am he and that I do nothing on my own but speak just what the Father has taught me.**

In my last book, *Bow with Unity*, I show that the Son is clothed in the robe of imperishable nature, which reflects the suffering of the Saints (all of us here as the host). This robe is then given to us in the end at the resurrection of the dead. Our job before the end is the same as that of the Son of God—overcome the world.

To accomplish this, we must first realize our true essence by identity, nature, and unity with others. We learn this from Love, just as the Son had to be taught from his own lower nature as the Lord of the Old Testament. If you compare the non-judgment and love of Christ to the arrogance and judgment of Yahweh’s nature, you come to realize that the essence of identity is held in Love—God’s own nature as a Father. The Lord is the same Son of God on both sides, finding his identity with the Father from his mirror—his host in humanity. We do the same, using this example as our guide.

Realizing that this is a hard subject to connect, I have prepared a short essay in our forum at [www.alephbetblog.org](http://www.alephbetblog.org). Take a look at this essay under the group Yahweh, then discuss with us on the forum. This relative side of the Son of God is largely missed by most who read the Bible, which is why we work to show the truth of the Mystery in ourselves. Fear of the Lord is not Love from the Father. Wrestle with the Lord as Jacob did, then ask his name. The Lord is you. Your own lower nature is the judge. Love judges no man.

From the verses in John 17 above, see how the Son sees his own identity by that of his Host: **All I have is yours, and all you have is mine. And glory has come to me through them.**

Just as his new Robe is reflected in the Host and Harvest of mind by simulation and copies, all of us are collective in this effort to

overcome the world. We are never alone in this work. We are the body, but the head moves our being below. We each hold a part to the overall narrative this book of life expresses.

### **John 17:11-12**

**I will remain in the world no longer, but they are still in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them by the power of your name, the name you gave me, so that they may be one as we are one. While I was with them, I protected them and kept them safe by that name you gave me. None has been lost except the one doomed to destruction so that Scripture would be fulfilled.**

See into this mystery of identity learning where the Son derives his own name: **protect them by the power of your name, the name you gave me, so that they may be one as we are one.**

Do you see it? His name is the Father's name (God is Love). This name must be given, just as Jesus refers only to those his Father gives to the Son. Read it again: **“so that they may be one as we are one.”** In nearly all cases, the word one in the Bible is a unity with, not a single (Yachid). Echad is the word we read from the Old Testament for marriage. When Jesus says this next verse, he is using the word Hen:

### **John 10:30**

**I and the Father are one.**

**EGO KAI hO PATHR hEN ESMEN**

**ΕΓΩ ΚΑΙ Ο ΠΑΤΗΡ ΕΝ ΕΣΜΕΝ.**

**Hen – To be united most closely.**

**Esmen – “we are to be”**

Are you starting to realize the simplicity of Enlightenment? You may also be realizing your own disunity with the same. If this is

the case, take heart. Love covers a multitude of sin. God is infinitely patient and one life is not nearly enough to experience all that creation has to offer. You must be born again. Baptism is immersion into the lower realms of Samsara. Apart from this opportunity, Love cannot be fully known. Love is unconditional, just as salvation is freely given to all of us in the end. Nothing can separate us from the Love of God (Romans 8).

## **What is Love?**

### **1 Corinthians 13:4-7**

**Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.**

**UNITY – IDENTITY – NATURE**

**GOD IS LOVE**

**YOU ARE THIS**

### **John 17**

**None has been lost except the one doomed to destruction so that Scripture would be fulfilled.**

If your first thought here is to say Satan, I might point you to your own lower nature. Will you die as the image of the Son called Manu (mankind)? Yes. Will your higher nature ever die? No. Sattva is our true essence created by God. This essence is a copy here in ignorance of itself, but the true essence in glory with God from before the foundation of creation. We were all in the Son, relatives to his one

true being. Just as the Son is a relative to God's true being, we are all in parallel to this guest and host relationship.

Love cannot die. If you have found your true identity, you know why. If you fail to accept this simple truth, then you are only one thought away from full realization of how eternal life arrives. Keep reading if you have yet to realize your own identity. Remember, Love only recognizes itself, which is the very reason Yahweh (Lord) humbled himself in baptism as a man. His own will to judge was overcome as the Lamb of sacrifice.

See into this by realizing Yahweh (Lord and Son of God) is the one scapegoat, or the Lord's old nature to judge his host. Realize this by overcoming the same will to judge in yourself. Again, sudden moments of realization produce profound insight, showing you things you never realized before. Now you know the missing relative to the Lord. That relative is the will to overcome hatred and ill will in ourselves. By example, the Lord shows us this truth in himself. Once you know, you cannot unknow.

### **Rumi the Sufi (from Discourse 56)**

**This house is built out of forgetfulness. All bodies and forms in this world are sustained through forgetfulness. Even our full-grown bodies grew by forgetting. But remembrance of God cannot exist without forgetfulness, for something must be forgotten before there can be remembrance. Therefore, faith and unbelief are one and the same, since one does not exist without the other. They are indivisible, and God is one. God is alone and has no partner.**

## Chapter 4

### Acceptance of Truth

For any gift to be received, it is first offered. The gift of Love is something we can never hope to deserve. Although this statement is seen by wrong view by all of us, this temporary state of ignorance in an illusion will eventually be lifted. The gift of Enlightenment here in realms of Samsara is the opportunity to awaken to our true being and nature. Once awakened, opportunity is all around us. How do we accept the gift of Love from God? We accept the gift by being the gift for others. This simple fact of cultivation is the fruition we express into others. The same Love we are must be shared.

From the temple of Luxor, this inscription on the walls informs our own view of eternal life: **As to deserving, know that the gift of heaven is free; this gift of Knowledge is so great that no effort whatever could hope to 'deserve' it.**

Compassion is the reason the Son of God walked as a man in the body of Manu. His own path to awakening of mind came at the foundation of the universe. We see this from the entire message of the New Testament, but do we realize the cross from which he hangs? Stand up, open your arms, then see who is hanging on the same cross of the sacrifice here in the Buddha body. YOU! Again, identity must be accepted if we are to embody the Love our true nature demands. Who are YOU making the sacrifice today?

#### John 17:13-19

**“I am coming to you now, but I say these things while I am still in the world, so that they may have the full measure of my joy within them. I have given them your word and the world has hated them, for they are not of the world any more than I am of the world. My prayer is not that you take them out of the world but that you protect them from the evil one. They are not of the world, even as I am not of it. Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth. As you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world. For them I sanctify myself, that they too may be truly sanctified.**

Sanctification means, ‘set apart.’ What conditions set a person apart from the ego nature of the world? What sets us apart from our disunity with others? What sets us apart by reflection of God’s nature? Of course, you already know—LOVE. The name Christ received from his own Father is the essence of his Father by character, which is what a name represents. Predication of any relative is the name describing it to the mind.

If I say, “my wife is lovely,” the subject is my wife and the predicate is a description of her. What was one of the first things Adam was told to do in the garden?

### **Genesis 2:17**

**Now the LORD God had formed out of the ground all the wild animals and all the birds in the sky. He brought them to the man to see what he would name them; and whatever the man called each living creature, that was its name.**

See into this by the mystery of self and other. In truth, we already know that all things Adam is naming are things he already is by identity. Remember the verses from Colossians 1:15-17. The Son is the image of the invisible Father. He is literally all the things he names. By identity, Adam is the correct answer to all named things, yet each holds its own unique individuation as relative to the whole.

As I have said, this is a mystery we use to see our own individual nature as unity with God. God is not creating life to be other than his own nature, yet unity with God demands that we first find our own individuation in life. Losing our identity in the forest of illusion is necessary over time. To again realize our unity with all things, we find enlightenment and awakening of the lower man (one dying) by the light of the higher nature above. Our higher nature is eternal and unchanging.

## **What is the point then?**

By removing our fetters and hinderances below, we come to find the eternal nature above. Removal of our old nature is the key. Cultivation of identity, nature and unity with others is required to find our first face before creation. Acceptance of the journey is realization of the work to be done. Between the raw stone and the work of the artist, the sculpture of David appears. Our eternal Robe is the one we all produce together, one sutra at a time. For more on this topic, see my next book, *Bow with Unity*.

## **Rumi the Sufi (from Discourse 56)**

**But love for God is latent in all people, Magians, Jews or Christians, and in all things that have being. How can anyone not love Him who is the source of their existence? Therefore, love is latent in everyone, but circumstances veil that love. When those circumstances change, that love becomes manifest.**

# Chapter 5

## Cultivation of Truth

All gardening is accomplished with toil. When seeds are planted into a garden, the gardener must suffer the hoe for cultivation and the removal of stones and weeds. Diligence in work is the effort required for fruition of the crop at harvest. The quality of the crop is the quality of the one working the hoe.

### John 17:20-23

**“My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you.**

What is the desire of our relative prime? The chief desire is that we believe and find our unity in the same Love a Father has for his Son. Earlier, the text states that the Son will be moving his own being back with the Father in glory, but that the others will be staying in the world. The reason for this is seen clearly over the last 2000 years of cultivation. If we understand the necessity of being born again into another life, then we realize we have been here since the beginning. The work to be done is in each of us. Awakening is only part of this process.

**May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me. I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one— I in them and you in me—so that they may be brought to complete unity.**

The chief desire of the Son and Father is to give the same Love and Unity to all of us in creation. To fully awaken to this, we must become what they are by identity. Identity with the Son is realization of our interconnectedness to the whole. By this, we then discover our true nature. As I keep showing in this book, we must become Love for Love to fully recognize us by its own identity. This is

the hidden mystery of the Bible, Buddhist tradition, and all other religions of the heart seeking to find our lost identity with creation.

### **John 17:23**

**Then the world will know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me.**

LOVE. Do we yet recognize the keys to knowledge? How do you open the door?

Knock! This is seeking, finding and adaptation to the nature you find from the journey. Enlightenment is either our desire, or we walk away from the clear truth we can easily realize. This takes work. If you have not yet accepted this easily seen truth, let me assure you there is a way to see it so clearly, you cannot then return to your old wrong view and worldly nature.

Practice makes perfect.

### **Rumi the Sufi (from Discourse 24)**

**Look at yourself when you are granted a fragment of ecstasy and a flash of grace from the other world. In that moment you see no above or below, mastership or discipleship, or even yourself, which is nearer to you than all else. These things do not enter your mind. So how can the saints, who are the windows and doorways for that light and inspiration, be concerned about above and below. Their heart is with God, and God is independent of below and above. This higher and lower belongs to us who have heads and feet.**

## Chapter 6

### Fruition of Truth in Others

Seeing into this mystery with clarity, we realize that the work to awaken our own being is held firmly in the other faces of humanity around us. In truth, we are all one mind working collectively. For now, we only know this unity in part. To see this fully, practice is necessary, which is held in the related Sanskrit term for union—Yoga. Yoga is the bending of the mind toward unity with others. If God is our true identity, then the first task will be finding union with God's mind of Love, locking our view of mind and nature firmly in place. To do this, practice is necessary, which is the process of listening--meditation.

Prayer is our own conversation toward God, but meditation is stilling the mind with open ears. The term practice is used in relation to meditation, but may not make sense to you if you have never practiced the state of quiet one-pointed mind. By one-pointed, I am referring to the state of mind free from thought. This takes practice.

Do a quick experiment. Locate a clock with a ticking second hand. Look at the second hand with total awareness, only allowing your mind to count the seconds as they pass by. Try to do this for five minutes, uninterrupted. If you can make it for five entire minutes, with no other thoughts crossing your mind, you have arrived at the focus necessary for meditation. If not, you need practice.

Mastery of this awareness from meditation follows you into your daily life. The more you practice, the better you perform. Ask any musician how this process of practice to mastery works, then see into the details of performing with others. Unity is playing in tune, in time and by correct intensity. If you fail to read the notes by understanding of theory, no mastery is possible. The same is true with the instrument of the mind.

#### **Reason for Meditation**

This part of the book will simply show you why you will want to meditate. Meditation puts you in contact with your higher mind, allowing you to experience pure bliss, joy, and unconditional

love by direct experience. This is accomplished by bypassing the sixth dimension of indeterminate wave function, which is explained in my other books. Once the mind bypasses the sixth dimension of all possible choices and thoughts, the seventh dimension of learning and rest is reached. Meditation allows the mind to exit Samsara temporally.

Reaching the state of one-pointed mind is called Samadhi, which is a Sanskrit term meaning meditative absorption. Once you find your mind in a state of Samadhi, your true nature of neutral / positive is attained and realized. This is the state of no negative polarity, or exit from the polarized state of negativity and fear. Perfect love drives out all fear, which is the evidence you need to realize Love's power directly. Once realized, you then meet yourself as the dweller on the threshold. Listen to the Van Morrison Song by the same name.

Each session of meditation only requires the practitioner to sit in quiet awareness, allowing the body to fall asleep, while the mind remains awake. We most often see practitioners sitting in the lotus posture, but this is only one way to keep the mind awake. Just between the waking and sleeping state, the mind has a clear path between the veil of material illusion and the true reality of Sattva (true being). When the waves of thought are still and calm, the reflection of true identity appears in the pool between lower and upper waters. From this, all things are known. True realization of identity and nature happens in this state of one-pointed awareness.

As you have seen so far, it is possible to know truth by two paths: contemplation and meditative realization. This book points the way to the answer. YOU are always the answer to every question you ask. Realize this and you find yourself in everyone you meet. Sharing Love is as simple as seeing it in yourself. Once you find unity from compassion, your entire world changes. Love is the purpose of creation. Family is your opportunity to practice once meditation brings true awareness of all that is.

### **Rumi the Sufi (from Discourse 25)**

**Yearning for God, contemplation of the next world, intoxication, and ecstasy—these are the builders of that inner realm. If these true desires revealed themselves to all people, there would be a worldwide exodus. None would remain. Yet God wants both worlds to exist, so It has appointed two sheriffs one heedlessness, the other heedfulness—so that both houses can thrive.**

# Chapter 7

## Rest in Love

Transformation of your identity by the work of Love is finding that you are never alone. Suffering is a very real aspect of life, which is engaged by one root cause—fear. Love casts out all fear, healing the three non-virtues. In total, there are ten non-virtues you can easily research from the Buddhist perspective. The first three are the primary root causes of the remaining non-virtues. Once the first three are fixed, Love has a clear path for the cultivation of unity and right nature.

### Three Non-Virtues

- 1) Wrong View (misplaced identity of self and other)
- 2) Wrong Nature (ill will and anger / all non-virtues)
- 3) Wrong Desire (disunity with others)

For the mind locked in ignorance and darkness, wrong nature will exist. Wrong view of identity is the root cause of this fear, resulting in anger and ill will toward others. If you can identify this single problem in yourself, finding your true identity then unlocks the light, producing a flame from the first spark of truth you encounter. It is my hope that this book has been the fan to the flame for your own mind's view of self.

### The Will of God

What is the will of God for our lives? Giving and never taking. Love is not a thief. The first and only work you are required to do in this life is to find truth, then share this way with others. Love yourself, then love others as you have been loved. God is Love. Love only recognizes itself, which is Enlightenment once you see yourself clearly. Rest in God's Love once all beings have found liberation from fear and suffering. Share the way:

### One Mind – One Heart – One Unity

**Rumi the Sufi (from Discourse 65)**

**Those who are living in Hell are happier there than they would be in this world, for in Hell their awareness turns to God, while in this world they forget. Nothing is sweeter than the awareness of God. Therefore, their desire to return to this world is to work and carry out deeds so that they can witness the manifestation of Divine grace, not because this world is a happier place than Hell.**

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# Ritual

## Hidden Meaning behind Religious Ritual and Symbolism from Sanskrit and Hebrew Sources

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"Though spiritual truth is inscrutable, still we all benefit from it through the embodiment of form. Just as you see the changes brought by the stars, moon and sun turning in the sky, the rain from clouds in due season, summer and winter, and all the transformations of time. You see all these things happen, and know that it is right and in accordance with wisdom."

~Rumi the Sufi

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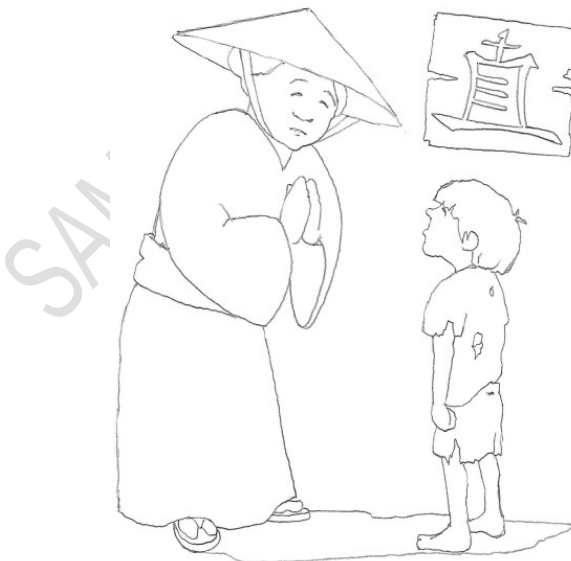
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**Rumi the Sufi**  
**Discourse 12**

**Beyond this world is another world for us. This world and its delights cater to the animal within us. These pleasures all fill our animal nature, while our real self slowly dies. They say, “The human being is a rational animal,” yet we consist of two things. Lusts and desires feed our animality in this material world. But as for our true essence, its food is knowledge, wisdom, and the sight of God. The animality within us flees away from God, while our spiritual self flees away from this world.**

# Introduction

For any truth to be wholly understood, two mutually contradictory realities must exist. This paradox of contradiction can be shown in nearly all directions we look, from the nature of good and evil, all the way to the highest dimensions of Absolute. We can track this concept from something as simple as regular polytopes in  $n$  dimensions, which are seen as invariant from all angles of observation.

In two dimensions, there are infinite regular polytopes. Imagine this by seeing the first regular polytope of a triangle, all the way to the illusion of a circle with infinitely small sides. In three dimensions, there are five regular polytopes, which are the Tetrahedron, Cube, Octahedron, Dodecahedron, and Icosahedron. In four dimensions, there are six regular polytopes. In the fifth dimension and all higher dimensions, there are only three, yet these three together form one whole, or absolute invariance. These three are six divided and mirrored from above into time, revealing the first mutually contradictory reality above and below, showing themselves as six regular polytopes in the fourth dimension.

With one cross-section of reality, we find the first invariance comprising both one and three. Reducing this to the first invariant polytope, we see the triangle again meeting itself on all orthogonal sides. This is the key to the temple we occupy as mind, time, and space. This key then opens the temple doors to all rituals mirroring the same invariance and translation of invariance. Rituals are the translation, while the symbolism they represent are eternal and unchanging realities mirrored into existence on all three sides. See into this to conceptualize your own nature and being in all higher dimensions.

I will return to my first statement in this book: For any truth to be wholly understood, two mutually contradictory realities must exist. From this understanding, a third higher axiom will always allow the mind to resolve contradiction, seeing into what is unseen by mortal eyes. It is with this one truth that we find the truth of both the orthodox

understanding of ritual, and the ultraorthodox view we will come to see when both sides are reflected by the third. When the book is finished, you will be able to accurately see that YOU are the subject for every object you observe. By this one fact only, we will see the point of all rituals as eternal reminders of our own identity and nature in unity with the whole. Raise one to know three.

Several years ago, it occurred to me that Baptism was symbolic of rebirth into the waters of life. Reflecting on the obviousness of this thought, I began to piece together the meaning of this symbolism from countless scriptural references scattered throughout the whole of the Bible. Parallel to this discovery from the Bible, I would occasionally come across other sources referencing the same truth of transmigration of the soul, or rebirth of our true essence into other bodies. The key to this came when I read the story of the early Christian Father, Origen, whose written view had been banned from the church for promoting belief in rebirth and transmigration of the soul.

In 2013, this concept so captivated me that I wrote a book on the subject—*The Present is the Gift – The True meaning of Baptism in the Jordan*. I later noticed that many of the other rituals we observed held deeper symbolic meaning, different from the church definitions we were given by theology. Here is a short quote from the book:

**“In 545 AD, Justinian declared it a heresy to believe in Transmigration of the Soul. This is after Origen, a Christian philosopher, tried to reveal this mystery to humankind. Many people in the past have held this idea as fact after reading the Bible with open eyes. The Disciples inquired this very question many times. The Hebrew tradition calls it Transmigration and Eastern religion calls it reincarnation.”**

Transmigration is a word used mostly by Jewish and Greek sources, confirming the belief of this hidden truth from the foundation of Jewish Mysticism. The word Transmigration is the same as metempsychosis, or the transition of the soul into another body after death. The term metempsychosis is a Greek term, held by the ancient Roman culture to signify the same meaning. If you do a bit of

investigation, the Christian religion is a single voice of world religion holding this truth to be incorrect. In other words, we have been lied to from the foundation of our faith. Where would we find this truth outlined by Jesus? Surely his voice would have told us the truth.

First, we must see where the lie originates. Once you know the verse below, you then realize the lie becomes a pretext (lie we tell ourselves) over the centuries, or the lie we perpetuate with the passage of time. Eventually, the lie becomes orthodox and accepted truth, with no voices left to negate. Facing this lie with truth is as simple as checking Biblical sources, then comparing these words to the commonly held beliefs in other religions. Where does the lie begin?

### **Luke 11:52**

**"Woe to you experts in the law, because you have taken away the key to knowledge. You yourselves have not entered, and you have hindered those who were entering."**

Here, we clearly see that the keys to knowledge regarding religion and salvation are taken away from common knowledge by the Jewish leaders. If it is true that transmigration is a known law of life, then this key was clearly hidden by the Priests who knew the true meaning behind the symbol of immersion into the waters of life. We also get this same lie perpetuated by Justinian regarding Origen.

Here is the actual decree from Justinian:

**"If anyone asserts the fabulous preexistence of souls, and shall assert the monstrous restoration which follows from it: let him be anathema." ~A.D. 545, in Nicene and Post-Nicene Fathers, 2d ser., 14: 318.**

Emperor Justinian sought to wipe Origen's writings and teachings on transmigration of the soul out of existence, but Pope Vigilius refused to sign a papal decree. The Emperor then arrested the Pope and put him in jail for his refusal. In 543, Justinian held the Fifth General Council of the Church, informing the Pope he would sign, leaving no other option. The Pope escaped, leaving Justinian to issue the decree.

### Quoting Origen:

**"It can be shown that an incorporeal and reasonable being has life in itself independently of the body... then it is beyond a doubt bodies are only of secondary importance and arise from time to time to meet the varying conditions of reasonable creatures. Those who require bodies are clothed with them, and contrariwise, when fallen souls have lifted themselves up to better things their bodies are once more annihilated. They are ever vanishing and ever reappearing." (Letter CXXIV, to Avitus)**

This and many other quotes show the early view of Christians just 250 years after the resurrection of Jesus. If we consult the words of Jesus, we see the same impressions at the end of John 2.

### **John 2:23-25**

**Now while he was in Jerusalem at the Passover Festival, many people saw the signs he was performing and believed in his name. But Jesus would not entrust himself to them, for he knew all people. He did not need any testimony about mankind, for he knew what was in each person.**

Direct witnesses were coming for salvation, yet Jesus would not entrust himself to them. Why? The answer clearly comes to us in John 3. They must be born again. This set of verses makes it clear, yet our theology holds to the lie of one life leading to either hell or heaven. In truth, this lie denies the patience of a loving God. I will leave you to read John 3 on your own, but when seen against the attitude of Jesus in John 2, there is no doubt left on the subject.

In case you do have doubt, let's visit a few other verses on the subject:

**But your dead will live, Lord;  
their bodies will rise—  
let those who dwell in the dust  
wake up and shout for joy—  
your dew is like the dew of the morning;  
the earth will give birth to her dead. ~Isaiah 26:19**

**They have the opportunity to live again, but they  
are not smart enough to take it. They are like a  
baby who is about to be born but won't come out  
of its mother's womb. ~Hosea 13:13**

**They will live again in God's shadow. They will  
grow like grain. They will blossom like grapevines.  
They will be as famous as the wines from  
Lebanon. ~Hosea 14:7**

**Won't you restore our lives again so that your  
people may find joy in you? ~Psalm 85:6**

Now that we can establish the symbolism for rebirth in to the lower realms of space and time, consider the commonly held orthodox view of baptism. What is the central meaning?

From the Christian perspective, our orthodox view of baptism is that we are immersed into water, rising to new life as a regenerated soul. As all good preachers will inform you, this is being born again, or finding your salvation from hell. If we properly translate this again, saying it slightly different, notice how the words call us to the truth of the symbol.

**“Baptism is the symbol for immersion into the waters of life. As we rise back to our true soul after death of the image (image of God in creation), we are regenerated by the experience, finding new life again. Being born again above comes for all equally at the resurrection. Until then, we are born into the waters of life below.”**

Here is where the twist to this comes in. Nearly all end days scriptural references we can find claim that all beings are present to see the return of Christ. Not only this, but those who pierced Christ will also be present.

### **Revelation 1:7**

**“Look, he is coming with the clouds,”  
and “every eye will see him,  
even those who pierced him”;  
and all peoples on earth “will mourn because of him.”  
So shall it be! Amen.**

Even good old Job knew the truth of this matter when he says this in Job 19:25-27

**I know that my redeemer lives,  
and that in the end he will stand on the earth.  
And after my skin has been destroyed,  
yet in my flesh I will see God;  
I myself will see him  
with my own eyes—I, and not another.  
How my heart yearns within me!**

We also get the same allusions from Matthew 13. Ask yourself a question as you read this. Where are we when salvation comes?

### **Matthew 13:26-41**

**Then he left the crowd and went into the house. His disciples came to him and said, “Explain to us the parable of the weeds in the field.”**

**He answered, “The one who sowed the good seed is the Son of Man. The field is the world, and the good seed stands for the people of the kingdom. The weeds are the**

**people of the evil one, and the enemy who sows them is the devil. The harvest is the end of the age, and the harvesters are angels.**

**“As the weeds are pulled up and burned in the fire, so it will be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send out his angels, and they will weed out of his kingdom everything that causes sin and all who do evil.**

What does it mean that a soul comes to life again? Where are they coming to life again from these verses?

#### **Revelation 20:4-6**

**I saw thrones on which were seated those who had been given authority to judge. And I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded because of their testimony about Jesus and because of the word of God. They had not worshiped the beast or its image and had not received its mark on their foreheads or their hands. They came to life and reigned with Christ a thousand years. (The rest of the dead did not come to life until the thousand years were ended.) This is the first resurrection. Blessed and holy are those who share in the first resurrection. The second death has no power over them, but they will be priests of God and of Christ and will reign with him for a thousand years.**

Where will they reign with Christ for one thousand years? As you clearly begin to see a pattern emerge, let's move our mind to the promises of the Old Testament. In each case, a promise is made to living humans about future times they will actively participate in, as future beneficiaries of coming promises. I could use countless verses, but simply consider how promises to ancestors are fulfilled in future generations, showing us clearly what is meant by Malachi 4:5-6:

**“See, I will send the prophet Elijah to you before that great and dreadful day of the LORD comes. He**

**will turn the hearts of the parents to their children, and the hearts of the children to their parents; or else I will come and strike the land with total destruction.”**

Keep in mind, this is spoken 430 years or so before Jesus appears. First, he sends someone who was taken by God, but never died. We first see Elijah appear as John the Baptist. When John was asked if he was the returned Elijah, he says no to the question, but then quotes the prophecy about Elijah. They then ask Jesus if John was Elijah, born again into a new body, to which, Jesus says this:

**Matthew 11:14**

**And if you are willing to accept it, he is the Elijah who was to come.**

If you can accept it, I will simply say this: Baptism is immersion into the life you live today, which is symbolism for the flood of Noah. Baptism turns the hearts of the parents to the children, then the children become the new parents as ancestors are then born again into new bodies. In other words, we transmigrate with our own families. Your children will raise you in later years. You are raising your former mother and father now, or at least other relatives you have once known.

Another way to connect Elijah to this story is to examine 1 Kings 17, where Elijah raises the widow woman's son from the dead. This is the perfect imagery for baptism. Go to first Kings 17, then realize that dew and rain are symbolism for drops of water from the ocean of all souls. Dew is distilled as it rises. In the passages of 1 Kings 17, the imagery is traveling up to the bed of rest, then down to the mother's bosom again. The Son in question is imagery for the Son of God entering into the stream of consciousness as all mankind in division of his first essence. The Mother is symbolism for the womb of creation.

How do we know Baptism is symbolism for beasts in water, or immersion of our soul into the animal nature of mankind? Let's check the sources in 1 Peter 3:19-22:

**After being made alive, he went and made proclamation to the imprisoned spirits—to those who were disobedient long ago when God waited patiently in the days of Noah while the ark was being built. In it only a few people, eight in all, were saved through water, and this water symbolizes baptism that now saves you also—not the removal of dirt from the body but the pledge of a clear conscience toward God. It saves you by the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at God’s right hand—with angels, authorities and powers in submission to him.**

Fact Check from these Verses:

- 1) Jesus makes proclamation to imprisoned Spirits who were denied life after the flood of Noah. He then empties the abyss in the book of Revelation, letting the Locust out to devour the Earth. Today, we are those souls devouring the Earth. It is clear who we are.
- 2) Baptism is symbolism for the flood of Noah.
- 3) We rise to new life from these lower waters, symbolized by baptism, in the same manner as animals did emerging from the Ark. Who is in Heaven now? Only the Son of God. How do we know?

### **John 17:11-12**

**I will remain in the world no longer, but they are still in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them by the power of your name, the name you gave me, so that they may be one as we are one. While I was with them, I protected them and kept them safe by that name you gave me. None has been lost except the one doomed to destruction so that Scripture would be fulfilled.**

In is with this verse that I then lead you to the tradition of bride and groom. The groom goes with the Father to build a house. When he returns, he brings the bride back with him. Has this happened? Where are we as we await the return of Christ, bringing the bride home with him at the end of the world?

### **John 14:3**

**And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am.**

I begin our journey in this introduction with the topic of Baptism for a very specific reason. If Baptism is understood, the whole of symbolism between both Buddhism and Christianity will be seen in parallel. One side explains the other. It is only by this view that we begin to see that religion is very much misunderstood by most of humanity, yet perfectly understood in relative. One relative side is not enough. We must bring the two halves together to see the whole story. In the triangle between all of the views we examine, YOU are the missing information resolving contradiction between each side we see in a state of imbalanced unity.

In the remaining pages of this book, we will examine the hidden mystery behind each of the basic rituals we observe in religion. When we emerge at the end of this book, our view will forever be changed. See this by the first triangulation we know from geometry.

1. Christian view of Baptism – No rebirth in other bodies
2. Buddhist view of Baptism – We are born again
3. Jewish and Greek View – We are born again

I will freely admit this is a generalization, yet the concept of rebirth into another body is a universal view of mankind reaching into the depths of our existence on Earth. Given the imbalanced side of this witness, what would probability say to us as the pathway to the higher axiom of truth? Simply seen, three sides should agree, leaving the truth of the ritual known clearly. As you will come to see, there

are more voices allowing this first regular polytope of truth to grow from a mutually contradictory understanding, into a tree of witness showing the same story on all sides. Rituals are the evidence left behind as mirrors of a truth forgotten.

Remember this: black and white thinking is only seeing a one-dimensional line with two directions. If you rise to the third dimension, there are many more sides. Rise again to the tenth dimension and only three regular sides exist again. From the first triangle to the trinity of all that exists above, you are the missing information completing the objects you observe. Now that we have baptism out of the way, consider the parallels from Buddhism as we begin our journey into Chapter 1-Samsara, Rebirth, Baptism, and Awakening of Higher Nature.

**Raising one to Realize Three**  
**– Father and Son need a Mother**

# Chapter 1

## Samsara, Rebirth, Baptism, and Awakening of Higher Nature

**Samsara** is a Sanskrit word meaning world, but also denotes aimless wandering in the state of rebirth from the karmic cycle of impermanent states of change. Related to Christian baptism as regeneration of the sinful nature, the cycle of karmic payment in the lower six realms of existence is a type of penance leading to realization of identity, nature, and unity. On page 5 and 39 of this book, the ten realms (dimensions) are listed in parallel to the ten worlds of Buddhism, and are fully outlined in our book, *Thus Saith the Flame to the Spark*.

**Dukkha** is the Sanskrit word for suffering, but is better translated as imbalance and unsatisfactoriness of mundane life. Difficulty and sadness in life is the primary result of Dukkha, but Dukkha as a cause is found in the necessity of individuation of identity and nature.

Seen clearly from the Hebrew perspective in Genesis 3, the fall of man represents the necessity of toil to produce fruit from the potential of the land. In symbolic terms, this is the nakedness of man (no knowledge or wisdom) handed the task of survival in the world of toil and hardship. In my book, *Bow with Unity*, the necessity of toil and suffering are outlined by the paradox of strength developed from adversity. Apart from the development of strength alongside loving nature, no true identity with God (God is Love) can be realized.

Use the triangle to see how knowledge and wisdom are gained by toil. When man reaches mastery from practice, the knowledge of good and evil (mutually contradictory realities) gives way to the higher mind of strength from adversity. Strength development is the primary ritual we can observe as man is cast into ignorance of his true higher nature, identity, and unity with all things in creation.

By raising one Son of God above, the Trinity of all existence is completed in its goal of translation of first invariance. First, the mind must fall into ignorance of itself, showing the relative side of involution and evolution in the waters of baptism. Once the mind is divided from all three of its sides, it must regain identity, nature, and unity from suffering and necessity. For this to occur, realms of suffering are provided as images of higher natures above. The illusion of ignorance is transitory and impermanent, which is the requirement for simulation to take place.

### **Hebrews 9:23-24**

**It was necessary, then, for the copies of the heavenly things to be purified with these sacrifices, but the heavenly things themselves with better sacrifices than these. For Christ did not enter a sanctuary made with human hands that was only a copy of the true one; he entered heaven itself, now to appear for us in God's presence.**

As these verses in Hebrews 9 go on to explain, you are an impermanent person, then judgment. Simulation of your Higher nature requires more simulation, which is evident from any virtually created reality we know from computer simulations. Ritual is the reminder of this goal, laid into the foundation of religious observance and duty to Love's requirement. Love only recognizes itself as the naked Adam becomes the fully clothed and equipped body of humanity (Church / Assembly). The triangle is your primary clue for solving this puzzle. I will continue to remind you of this fact as we progress into the hope of our future understanding.

**Karma** in Sanskrit is a word comparable to the biblical concept of thought, word, and deed. Karma can have both good and bad relative meaning depending on the action taken by the mind, but as I will continue to show, YOU are the one being refined by the work of the other two parts of your own interbeing. From the Hebrew perspective, sin is the Hebrew word Chet, meaning, 'missing the mark.' SIN is also the letter of Hebrew associated with the thistle, or thorn in the seed of man. Next to SIN in the Hebrew alphabet, we see the letter NUN, or Seed. As we know from scripture, crowns have

thorns and circumcision is the cutting away of the foreskin from the male. Cutting away the thorn from the head keeps the feminine from gaining a yeast infection.

Sanskrit uses the term karma in relation to the concept of cause and conditions producing effect. For every cause and condition, without exception, there is an effect engaging Samsara (the world). As the Dhammapada states:

**We are what we think.  
All that we are arises with our thoughts.  
With our thoughts we make the world.**

Notice once again, YOU are the one building from the other two sides of cause and conditions. In a programmed reality, immersion into ignorance of your true Trinity of being requires division. While we mostly see from the lower dimension and plane of existence, all of existence is ten-dimensional. Realize this as you read the requirements of ritual while on pilgrimage away from home.

From a Buddhist perspective, each sentient being—even a mote of dust—holds the entire universe within. In ten directions (dimensions), all ten worlds are held within. Just like the Tardis of Dr. Who, the inside is bigger than the outside. If you look again at page 5 and 39 above, all ten worlds are seen by three modes of existence, or the Gunas of Sattva (mind and true being), Rajas (time and passion) and Tamas (form and the illusion of ignorance).

What are the ten directions by geometric and dimensional vectors? North, South, East, West, Past, Present, Future, Above as Below. Notice I have left one dimension out of our ten-dimensional view. Where are you located around all the other nine worlds? INSIDE! YOU are the missing part to this puzzle, using ritual to find yourself in the maze of infinity. Within you, all of existence waits patiently for you to wake (BUDH).

Indeed, the one question that must never be asked: “Who is Dr. Who?” Answer this as Jacob did when wrestling with his own infinite mind in the mirror of time and space. Simply ask your higher mind—the Lord. In the mirror to his Host, he sees himself. YOU must do the

same within the ritualistic drama known as life. First, suffer for the answer, then see it from ritual to the perspective of one observer of the thoughts, words, and deeds of existence. Dr. Who regenerates to save the day once again.

When the fold of mind branches, the line of thought enters the fold of time. From the choice made by the being above, time branches by cause and effect, bringing the line of mind into the line of time, producing the illusion of mind into form. For each choice by condition, there is an effect changing states below.

The Sanskrit term **Manu** is the modern-day word mankind, or man. Manu in Sanskrit means, “to think.” Thinking is the process to bring mind into Samsara (time and space) to build a world, which is the general meaning of Samsara (abode of Manu). As the tradition states, all of mankind using mind are buddha, or the Sanskrit root BUDH, meaning, ‘to awaken.’

### **Born into Illusion**

The Mother of Buddha is the Sanskrit term Maya, or the buddha’s mother, meaning ‘illusion.’ The point of both Buddhism and Christianity are one in the same—liberation and salvation from the lower waters of life. In Christian tradition, this is fishing men from the water, or baptism as immersion and the fishers of men as saviors and followers of the Way, as the early Christians were called. As we know, rising to new life is being born again.

In Sanskrit, the Way is called the Tao, or path best traveled. Jesus called himself the Way, Truth, and Life, naming himself as the only way to the Father of creation. According to the Tao, the Father of creation is unmanifest (invisible with no form) and the Mother of creation is the mystery and gate of all wonders. While the unnamed (Father) is hidden, the Mother produces the myriad named things. Read the Tao, Chapter 1, Translated by Derek Lin, 1994:

**The Tao that can be spoken is not the eternal Tao  
The name that can be named is not the eternal name  
The nameless is the origin of Heaven and Earth  
The named is the mother of myriad things**

**Thus, constantly free of desire  
One observes its wonders  
Constantly filled with desire  
One observes its manifestations  
These two emerge together but differ in name  
The unity is said to be the mystery  
Mystery of mysteries, the door to all wonders**

We get this same description of the Son of God from Genesis 1, when the Elohim (both Male and Female) say this: “Let us make Adam in our own image and likeness.” By ‘us’ and ‘our,’ we clearly notice the parents from the very first few verses of the same chapter. Using the Names of God Bible, we clearly read the two natures as one God from the word Elohim, which is the plural form of EL, or Aleph Lamed (Strong Shepherd). We also know this from the Muslim name Allah, or again, Aleph Lamed (Al Lah).

#### Genesis 1

In the beginning *Elohim* created heaven and earth.  
The earth was formless and empty, and darkness covered the deep water. The *Ruach Elohim* was hovering over the water.

Ruach is feminine, meaning the Holy Spirit of God. EL is the masculine Father. Both are in unity of one being, which is God’s image, both male and female (Genesis 1:27). This is a very important point to realize, which then gives us the eyes to see how all pieces fit together in one of the most profound passages in the Bible. From this next set of verses, we see both the invisible Father and the visible Son of God as all of creation (all ten dimensions in one). From this image of the Father, all of creation is placed in the womb of the Mother. We now have all three sides represented in creation together.

Before we connect this fully, look at the Hebrew word Father, which is Aleph Bet. Letters are the alphabet, or the essence of DNA entering the Mother’s womb (water). As you see above, the mother is hovering over the formless waters. The Hebrew word for Mother is Aleph Mem, with Mem meaning water. The Strong Water of creation is the cup for the Father’s seed (Aleph Bet). What is produced with

seed in a cup of water? Bread of Life. In Hebrew, the word Son is Bet Nun, or House of Seed. Letters produce Word. WORD is the Logos of John 1. The Son can now be seen by all of the references we have used so far.

### Colossians 1:15-17

**The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him.**

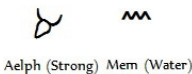
Let's take a closer look at how the Father's seed enters the formless waters, revealing how baptism is the immersion of the essence of the Son into creation. To show this, I will bring over a few passages from my book, *Thus Saith the Flame to the Spark*, showing the Hebrew letters as they appear in their oldest Ancient Proto-Canaanite pictograms.

*Aleph Bet* is Hebrew for **Father**.



The Alphabet of Creation is the Father of the Strong House (strong force in nature). What do we produce with the Alphabet? First, information must take a form to be comprehended. Between the word's we create and the light shined in a dark place, a third aspect of the process is required as a catalyst.

**Mother** is *Aleph Mem* (Strong Water).



Mother is the strength of the one caring for us.

**Son** is Bet Nun (House of Seed).



Bet (House) Nun (Seed)

Son is the House of Seed. The Son of God in the New Testament called himself The Bread of Life. As you see above, the Strong House holding us all in place is the Father. The Strong Water is the Mother, or Aleph Mem. As we know from the allusions in the Holy Grail, she is the hidden Cup of creation, or the feminine generative principle. When the seed of wheat is ground up and placed in a container of water, yeast (symbolism for sin / karma) is added, then the dough is baked in an oven (dukkha). Bread is the result, or house of seed, which is what a human body represents. In terms of Buddhism, this is the Buddha Body we all wear, or the house of suffering for individuation of mind.

We now see how Maya (illusion) is the purpose of Buddha in the state of Samsara and Dukkha. Awakening to higher nature requires the recognition of the DHARMA, or Dzogchen of universal nature. **Dzogchen** is a Sanskrit term meaning first nature, or primordial nature of reality as neutral and positive, which is the Strong Force in nature as Neutron (neutral) and Proton (positive). As all things divine are in sets and sequences of three, see the electron by its breaking of symmetry (Bread), showing how individuation is our next ritual to define. Meditation, Prayer, Mantras, and Mudras show the path realizing above and below by symmetry of one infinitely triune being known as man.

From this point, I will keep this book short and simple, allowing you to triangulate the rest of the rituals from the foundation of the Introduction and Chapter 1 view of Baptism. Dive in, then exit these waters renewed from the journey. God makes all things new again.

## Chapter 2

# Meditation, Prayer, Mantras, and Mudras

Transcribed from the  
Buddhist Text Translation Society (1974):

**Thus I have heard. At one time the Buddha was staying in the Jeta Grove of the Garden of the Benefactor of Orphans and the Solitary together with a gathering of great bhikùus, twelve hundred fifty in all. At that time, at meal time, the World Honored One put on his robe, took up his bowl, and entered the great city of Sravasti to beg for food. After he had finished his sequential begging within the city, he returned, ate the food, put away his robe and bowl, washed his feet, arranged his seat, and sat down.**

We begin chapter 2 with the opening lines of the Diamond Sutra, revealing how Buddha and his Assembly exit the higher realm, putting on a robe (body) and carrying the empty bowl (mind). This subject, using the first six chapters of the Diamond Sutra, are the foundation for my book, *Bow with Unity—Benefactors of Orphans and Widows*. I will keep my comments here short, only showing the basic path of meditation by shining the light the other direction.

The most common understanding of meditation is the view associated with striking the lotus posture, then calming the mind into a state of one-pointed awareness. The goal of meditation is to shine the light of the mind into the collective pool of thought (Nous), then seeing identity, nature, and unity from the reflection. Symbolism for the moon and sun to Earth are the primary metaphors showing how the mind sees itself from the calm sea of subconscious mind. If you take a look at this from the view of the Diamond Sutra, you see something amazing.

Meditation here is the process to shine the light backwards, but in truth, we are meditating this reality into existence from above. By shining the light back, the other direction, we reach our higher

mind asleep above. By bridging the gap, we are able to update our mental software down below, which is how I write these books with clear view.

Over the years, thinking (Manu's job) has become this same one-pointed connection to my higher mind, allowing me to reach flow between higher and lower mind. Practice makes perfect. Buddha is realized when Manu sees himself in the mirror, awakened to both contradictory sides. The third aspect of our being is then joined to the other two, revealing the one refuge from three.

BUDDHA – Mind Awake (LOVE)  
DHARMA – Mind in Nature (LOVE)  
SANGHA – Mind in Unity of Assembly (LOVE)

As the Bible states, God is Love. See this by the Christian Trinity:

SON OF GOD – Mind of All Beings  
HOLY SPIRIT of GOD – Mind as Nature (LOVE)  
CHURCH of the SON – Relative Minds as Kinsman in Unity

As the story goes, waking from our mother (Maya), the illusion is broken, revealing identity. Once identity is awakened below, the gap between upper and lower is seen by revealed nature—Love. Compassion then drives our every thought, word, and deed toward the goal of ending suffering for all sentient beings. Ritual leads to realization in reflection, which brings the miracle of Truth to the imbalanced mind below. From this, our collective book of life is written into all forms and in all times equally, universally reflecting the three jewels (minds as Buddha / Christ).

On this point, we can then ask the question: Why do the Eastern Masters require their monks in training to beg for food, wearing a robe and carrying a bowl? This tradition has been in place for thousands of years, reminding the Monk to eventually look past the ritual to realize the truth of their own being above doing the same. Realization is the key to enlightenment. Shining the light back home is the process to remember the ritual's meaning.

Why do the preachers of the Christian tradition require church members to enter the waters of the baptismal pool? Same same, only different. As you realize how this works, the rest of our rituals will begin to connect by meaning. Realize that baptism is only showing us the process, which is why this book begins with the first primary ritual of immersion into the waters of life. As you read, rise to new life from the journey.

Continuing with our story from the Diamond Sutra, Buddha brings his bowl back after consuming the contents, hangs the robe, then sits with his assembly to transmit what has been learned (judgment for learning). Simulation above and below is the ritual of meditation. Even though most of the Western world is unaware of this process in truth, the relative view I give you here then shows YOU, once again, to be the missing third bridging the gap between realms.

While Meditation is listening for updates as a host mind on the server of reality, Prayer is asking the collective mind for needs by necessity. Since prayer is an understood concept, I will simply leave your mind in contemplation of your identity between the one calling and the one listening—Music of the Spheres. Call and response is the foundation for any good music we play, but performing music takes practice. Practice (meditation) is the process to find mastery in life. Performance from practice allows the audience to sit and listen to the performance they hear. Review of the performance happens in the papers and magazines later, showing a work well done (Paramita).

While you have the missing information from this ritual firmly in place, realize that practice is yours to accomplish. The instrument you play is the body and mind, allowing the symphony with others your job to perform. As you will come to see, the remainder of this book is music theory for the mind of reality on the stage of this performance. Notice how I use known metaphor to show you how ritual is much more than meets the eye.

With this understood, I will leave you to discover the truth behind Mudras and mantras on your own. As I stated earlier, we are immersed into this reality for a purpose. Once you are finished, judgment and review are necessary. Return often, but realize your task as the one thinking on these things. Perform your ritual well. In the

end, you will thank me for telling you these things. I will wash your feet in the end. Rest comes to those who work and suffer, which is the nature of death in the body. Even the ritual of death has no wasted resources. Nature is your witness, which is YOU in disguise. Meditate and pray on these things.

Above, I used the word Paramita, which means, ‘well done.’ Associated with the Diamond Sutra, the Vajra Sword (Diamond and Thunder) reveals the same flaming sword from Genesis 3, protecting the tree of life. When Prajna (Wisdom) is attained, the performer in life receives the essence of the Sanskrit term, Prajnaparamita, or Wisdom well done. From this simple pat on the back from creation, you receive your sword of spark to flame. Once attained, you will realize all three aspects of mastery:

### **One Mind – One Heart – One Unity**

All of reality, as well as all books I write, reveal the same source of wisdom and attainment found in the Book of Life. Share this book with others. If you think I am referring only to the book in your hand, realize that YOU are always the answer to every part of reality you investigate. Share the Way by being the Way—Tao. You are the book you write; you are the book you share.

## Chapter 3

# Marriage, Yoga, and Union

In Sanskrit, the word **Yoga** means union, or the bringing together of two sides. In Hebrew, the same word for Yoga is Echad, or the word 'ONE,' meaning a unity of multiples. Marriage is the union of male and female making them one (Echad) flesh. In all cases, unity and consummation of opposites bring relatives together in unity, which is the goal of allowing the mind to wander in a state of disunity (Dukkha). The ritual of baptism has the duty of Manu, or the process to think on the Relative (mutual contradictions). The Son of God, of course, is the first Adam divided by the shedding of blood, or the rib of creation bringing his other half into relative (Eve) division.

From this first union of one, the cell must first divide, revealing how God produces his family of relatives in the mirror and image of male and female. With this, we look to Matthew 18 for answers.

### **Matthew 18:10** **(parable of the wandering sheep)**

**See that you do not despise one of these little ones. For I tell you that their angels in heaven always see the face of my Father in heaven.**

### **Child on the Threshold of Truth**

You are the child, while your Angel is the Higher Mind facing the Father above. The child will die, but no harm can come to the Angel above. In truth, no harm is ever intended to the child. Awakening to higher mind allows you to see the end from the beginning. My other books expand this idea, so this chapter will remain short, showing only the bits and pieces you need to see into the ritual of Marriage and Yoga.

Earlier in this chapter of Matthew, the disciples were inquiring about which of them was greatest in heaven. When Jesus answered,

his response was to show the child as the greatest in heaven, or the one wandering as the sheep in the wilderness below.

When a sheep wanders, they gather wool over time (symbolism for sin). Wool is then washed and returned to the new robe it creates, as threads (sutras in Sanskrit) are woven into the Tantra (woven fabric in Sanskrit). In Buddhism, the Tantra is the book we wear as a robe, or the text becoming the body. We know all relatives by the religion they venerate, or the robe of the text they wear by thoughts, words, and deeds. In truth, all the robes are the same clothing for nakedness, differing only from the journey and materials used. Toil makes the robe, yet the complete robe is the one given to us in the end. All other texts are merely poor reflections.

As you read this book, realize it is only one Sutra in your own mind, eventually finding a color in the final robe of many colors. From this coat, a final white robe will be produced. The white robe is then given to all of us equally when this life of wandering finds its conclusion. From lamb to slaughter, the process gives new life to all beings. Bloodshed is required for remission of sin. WORD is the Sutra and Tantra of Buddha's Robe while on pilgrimage.

### **Angel of the Threshold**

The first image of man was the complete Adam, or the Angel in the image of God, perfected from the foundation. To allow individuation, the first seed of man was divided into a state of Dukkha, or the necessity of Suffering from toil in a garden (expedient means). Sparing you the longer story you already know from Genesis 1-3, I will simply show you the end of this division into relative. Adam is restored once the virgin Mary (eve refined) becomes the joined whole with Jesus.

Together, they are clothed from the journey between Aleph and Tav. Mem is the Holiness in the middle, producing the word TRUTH in Hebrew (Aleph Mem Tav). Death is Mem Tav, or the missing Father of the orphan and widow. Find the whole story to this truth in my other books.

This marriage is not a consummation of flesh, but one of Spirit (Father) walking in unity with Son, allowing the hidden Mother (Spirit and Mind) into the essence of Jesus (Son of Man and Last Adam) as one triune being on Earth. His Baptism as ritual was necessary for the Kinsman, by the laws of Jubilee, to redeem his own family of mankind.

In the end, we then see that all of us are bride and groom in this process, restoring our image once individuation and pilgrimage is complete. See this in later chapters, but realize it first in this passage. What will you be like in heaven? Will you marry in heaven, or has your true desire of higher nature been found in your beloved?

### **Matthew 22:29-30**

**Jesus replied, “You are in error because you do not know the Scriptures or the power of God. At the resurrection people will neither marry nor be given in marriage; they will be like the angels in heaven.”**

Like the Angels—ONE trinity of Holy Mind, Body, and Spirit. This is the essence of practice in the lower realms of Samsara. You are quite literally married to your partner in life as a practice ritual for later marriage to your one true love—your own mind above. Learn to love your higher mind by realizing this in your spouse below. The nature of our groom above is LOVE only for the Father and Mother of creation. Mirror this below and you find yourself as one mind, one heart and one unity with God’s eternal Kingdom. Family is who you are searching for in this life by union of opposites--Yoga. Now, bend your ear in Yoga to every love song ever written, then realize who they sing about. Ritual of union and marriage is this same love for the lost half of each person. In truth, what was lost can be found. Think on this (meditate). Your identity is whole when you find your true nature (Love). From this, Unity emerges before you.

## Chapter 4

# Pilgrimage and Veneration of Holy Sites

Remembrance of the past is reflection into the future. Our Hope in life is the end of suffering by the meandering journey to reach enlightenment from the landmarks along the path between. As we reach out into the next chapters, realize that the foundation of this book so far has allowed your mind to anticipate the answer. As the Zen aphorism states, “The answer is always in the question.” As I have stated, YOU are the answer to every question you ask.

Remembering our past implies impermanence. For a complete view of this, allow me to quote from my book, Bow with Unity:

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In Buddhism, there are three marks of conditioned existence (Trilaksana). These characteristics are essential to all beings as expedient means (upaya), which are neither just nor moral, yet always necessary for the development of sentience. We can also identify upaya with skillful means. These three marks of conditioned existence are mentioned in verses 277-279 of the Dhammapada:

1. **Impermanence (anicca)** – Becoming in transition to Being requires translation of invariance, or the necessity of Absolute as immovable, and Relative as translation of the invariance. We see this by view of translational symmetry in physics, or how birds fly from tree to tree. In all cases, translation requires invariance. In terms of physics, choice is the collapse of indeterminate wave function as the observer translates invariance into the line of time below. From this, form is produced in the world you see. Mind makes the world.

2. **Unsatisfactoriness or Suffering (Dukkha)** – Dukkha implies the state of imbalance, or disunity. By necessity, we connect impermanence and imbalance together, revealing the necessity of relative individuation in translation of balanced and eternal Absolute unity. Reflecting on the nature of Being (invariant) and Becoming (transition), we see the necessity of conditions regulating balance and unity against imbalance and transitioning states. Unless these two natures exist within folded dimensions, no individuation of invariance is possible. Without Absolute, there can be no relative self translated. Without relative individuation, Absolute states cannot reflect (mutual contradiction). Reality requires both to be real in a mirror.
3. **Non-Self (Anatta)** – The idea here is the belief that the body as a relative can be thought of as a continuing self. In the tradition we are examining, Dukkha is caused by the belief in a perduring (continuing) self. As all things are in transition, becoming something different requires impermanence. The existence of a continuing self must be seen by the necessity of the state of being (invariance) transitioning by the conditions of impermanent states of change. Translation is the bridge between ignorance and direct experience. Questions can only be answered if we seek translation of the quest. The end of the journey makes the Diamond. Irritation of a grain of sand produces a pearl. In all cases, circling a center is the means to an end.

### **Dhammapada Verses 277-279:**

**Verse 277: "All conditioned phenomena are impermanent"; when one sees this with Insight-wisdom, one becomes weary of dukkha. This is the path to Purity.**

**Verse 278: "All conditioned phenomena are dukkha"; when one sees this with Insight-wisdom, one becomes weary of dukkha. This is the Path to Purity.**

**Verse 279: "All phenomena (dhammas) are without Self"; when one sees this with Insight-wisdom, one becomes weary of dukkha. This is the Path to Purity.**

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What is the one thing you know about temples on Earth, including the body of man? We all perish, leaving only shadows of the paths we trace in the sands of time. Remembering the relatives is the mind thinking (meditating) on the journey mankind traces across time and space. "With our mind, we make the world." Value of unity with others is Love, or identity realized. Judgment of others misses this value entirely. When truth of ritual is commonly held in your mind, something new (the third aspect truth) emerges. By reconciling your own fear of the unknown, what can be known by this truth literally appears in front of you.

I can state this with confidence: The book you have been reading has brought this to your mind. As you think back to photo albums of the past, remember your own family of creation with the same fondness of mind. Realize that the very book in your hands was produced by countless minds in the world today. From the paper mill, to the pod publisher associated with the book company you purchased this book from, countless hands reached this book with toil and suffering. Beyond the work to print the book, the mind of the author suffered in the past to find these truths. What value do we each place on the unity required to produce sublime works of art?

Equally, the book you wear as a body required all relatives over time, producing the Absolute unity we all benefit from today. Veneration of this work is not simply one religion's view, but a whole and complete view you can see today. All that is required is your own willingness to discern truth rather than judge relatives you fear from veiled hatred. All voices in this choir are singing the same song. Realize who you are and you realize the music is about you. All of us have a hand in writing the score we sing.

Love requires itself as a prerequisite. This landmark then defines all the others by the one mind we share collectively. Unity only comes when you venerate the pilgrimage by view of the Absolute journey for all of us equally. Perhaps, you have now come to see this from a simple little book on ritual. My hope, as always, is to help you see through my eyes. When you realize this, you see that our eyes are single. One truth brings us together as three sides of the first triangle we are examining.

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# Chapter 5

## Buddha Body, Communion, and Passover

Symbolism is the higher form of word. From the center of word, Letters (Aleph Bet) are the roots of word, just as words derive their meaning from letters, and symbolism derives its meaning from both. By this view, we see how a tree grows by line, branch, and fold. Between each of these three triangular forms of communication, we find the entire meaning of the Son of God (Word) as the basis for the Living Word we wear (body). DNA is the Aleph Bet (Father in Hebrew) we all share equally.

This is the body of Christ shed for us, on the very cross you hang from today. Open your arms, then examine the shape of your body. Perhaps this is part of the ritual you have missed. DNA allows letters to produce the body you are hanging from today. Your mind of ignorance and illusion is the crown of thorns. Dispelling this darkness comes at moments like these.

### John 1

**In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.**

As the darkness of hidden Ritual is beginning to be revealed, notice how letters form words, just as words branch from root to folded fruit (Symbolism). From the fruit, we glean wisdom and understanding, but never apart from practice, as we have already discovered. All trees grow in this manner, including the tree of knowledge and tree of life. If you observe nature, you notice the same mystery mirrored to your mind. Light cannot be seen, but reveals what

it hits. From Nature, to Light and back again to your eye and mind, YOU are the third part you observe, both inside and out.

Insight is sight within. Information is formed within. Intellect is the mind inside. All directions around you emerge from within YOU and you alone. By you, of course, I mean all of us as relative to the one Absolute we are discussing here by ritualistic intercourse. Unity and Love are aspects of the same robe we all wear. Finding this single identity from nature and unity opens the doors of the temple so to speak.

If you are a Buddhist from China reading these concepts of communion and Passover for the first time, it is possible you have literally no conception of these rituals held for granted in the Western mind. If you are Christian, we could equally say that most western minds only have a vague understanding of Buddhist tradition and ritual. Imagine what might happen if both sides are equally realized by light of the truth they reveal from the nature we all share—LOVE. In this case, communion from body to body and mind to mind would need to take place. Sharing is union of opposites, or investigation of yourself in others. Sharing the meal of this book is consuming knowledge.

Once this knowledge and true view are attained, all outer rituals are left behind, realizing the central truth each ritual revealed. While we can look back with hindsight, seeing the silliness in outer ritual, we look ahead to see that ritual builds the mind of a child. Once the child awakens, the childish nature is left behind. No longer will we participate in empty rituals wearing costumes, but realize the point to the ritual in ourselves. Once we grow up, we leave childish things behind, which requires our dimly lit sight to be cleared in the mirror (see 1 Corinthians 13). Completeness comes when we realize Love's work in the child.

Here is where you now know as you are known. When the body (costume) is left behind, the true being (Sattva) under the costume then sees as he is seen. Knowledge is this completeness of mind, thought and deed in the sands of time. Leave the old man behind to realize, which is the necessity of expedient means to an end. As we now see clearly, all ends meet with new beginning. This is Ritual. You

are dancing in a costume around this fire today, yet you may just be realizing the point. Shed the false body (ego) to realize that the fire cannot hold you back from true life. YOU are the one on the other side.

When born, you begin the path toward death. When death arrives, you begin the journey back into new life. From birth to grave, the process sets you free from past rituals and ignorance. By this, the way is made clear. Knowing comes from hearing, seeing, and doing. Relative contradictions can be resolved.

Just as Adam 'knew' Eve (first two relatives), so too our intercourse here is a similar sharing of the supper of Christ and Buddha. How do we pass over judgment of others? Knowledge is your answer. Knowing others is the requirement of Yoga, but equally the requirement of finding unity with all suffering beings. What separates us? Ignorance, which is the same state of being Samsara requires for the first mind of sentience to find its nature. Love is the key, as always, which is your first face before creation. As I will continue to state, YOU are the answer. In your face, all others exist. In the face of others, YOU!

On the threshold between higher and lower mind, the Lamb of sacrifice is the blood and sweat of all suffering beings. From the shed blood on the doorpost of creation, we look for this single point of illusion to find the end of suffering. Coming out of Egypt requires the journey of relatives getting along in a wilderness. Once the raft crosses the stream, what need is there for the raft? Between each side of the stream, fish swim.

## Chapter 6

# Penance and Renunciation

I started writing this book, fully realizing that the chapters would become perfectly visible as we progress. We only need the first understanding of baptism to then realize the rest of all religious ritual. Ordinances of religion are pointers, assisting the mind in realization of two new views coming together as one. One view sees the higher reason we are practicing in ritual of contradictions below. The other view realizes that all life is the ritual. In parallel, we only need to realize why.

Penance is payment for something owed from a wrong committed. Penance in the case of religion is dual in nature, revealing that we pay both the debt owed to others and the cause of our debt from the fallen nature we are forced to occupy. Just as it is obvious that Adam and Eve were not informed of the cost their sin would require, neither did they know the elements of the ritual they would soon mirror into all nations. Behind both views, we come to realize our goal. The journey and quest reveal the question we ask: Who are we?

At our core of being, we are Love, which is the same essence of our Mother in Nature as one with the Father in the Light of Higher Mind. To be this Love, our own choice is required. Embodying God's being brings his essence from above to below, allowing the unmanifest God of Love into manifestation by our own mind and union with others. It is on this fact that Enlightenment of identity, nature and unity appear from sudden realization for the first time. This is Epiphany.

Do you know the true definition of Epiphany?

From sudden realization, we see the other meaning of the word—revelation of Christ (first relative) to the Gentiles (Western Mind). In the Far East, the same epiphany. Both sides join in Yoga to form one new understanding. Together, all suffering in this world continues until we realize. Penance and Renunciation of this world require the old world to be born again. Baptism, again, points the way to the first ritual we all find when the child first emerges from darkness

into the marvelous light. Who greets you when you are born? Mother and Father. Today, we may just be on the verge of seeing this for the first time, yet realization and enlightenment of this only produces a half-enlightened master in the practice room of life.

True penance requires repentance, or turning from the thorns and thistles of the rose. All roses around us have the same thorns present, which is the requirement for finding the beauty and necessity of both. Repentance is the turning of this wheel again and again until the ritual brings the desired realization. Today, what are you now realizing about the subject of this book—YOU?

Once this stream is crossed, the raft can be cast aside. You only need it long enough to find the other side. At right angles to you, other relatives are there all the time. Your job is this:

### **One Mind – One Nature – One Unity**

#### **LOVE**

When the goal is reached, no more shadows are present. The light is what you become, revealing the end of the revelation of life to mankind.

#### **Revelation 22:1-5**

**Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, as clear as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb down the middle of the great street of the city. On each side of the river stood the tree of life, bearing twelve crops of fruit, yielding its fruit every month. And the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. No longer will there be any curse. The throne of God and of the Lamb will be in the city, and his servants will serve him. They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. There will be no more night. They will not need the light of a lamp or the light of the sun, for the Lord God will give them light. And they will reign for ever and ever.**

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# Chapter 7

## Christmas, Advent, and the Return of the Bodhisattva

The Sanskrit word **Bodhisattva** is the combination of two words:

- 1) **Bodhi** (tree used by Buddha) and BUDH, which are the same root of meaning for awakened mind. Both words are the same root.
- 2) **Sattva** (true being).

The concept of the Bodhisattva is the person awakened (BUDH) to higher consciousness, finding the connection to the true being above. From this connection, a realization must occur. Identity of being above is not enough. For true enlightenment, the Bodhisattva must realize duty and compassion. True identity is unity with all other suffering beings. Simply finding liberation for yourself is never enough. How do you then impart this strength to others?

Christmas and Advent are two rituals sharing several seemingly contradictory imageries. The contradiction between Santa and the Advent of Christ find their higher unifying truth when Buddhism defines the terms. We already know the Far East and Western views from past historical definitions, but how do we bridge the gap between ideas?

In all of my books, I try to show this story of Santa with simplicity. If you have read any of my other perspectives of this same story, you will know where I am headed. If you have read me for the first time here, we will break the illusion of Christmas here once again, restoring your belief in the bearded man with presents to give children.

In Sanskrit, Santa is the word meaning ‘the Good Man.’ Ho means ‘to be.’ When you were a child, your illusion was broken when you came of age. The invisible man dressed in red turned out to be your mother and father. As you are remembering this, the same is still true when the illusion of reality ends from similar ritual and awakening. Morning brings a new day of awakening. All things

become new again. Just as we must be born again into other lives and bodies, so too you rise from the grave each day you live. Each day; each moment; each week; each month and each year, the same story. Christmas comes and goes as gifts are given to you by your source mind above.

The body of Christ has risen from the grave. When you stand up and open your arms, the cross you see is the same one Jesus was required to wear out of compassion for us all. As an example, he walked with complete unity of mind with the Father, complete compassion and love for others by nature, and complete dedication to the unity of all beings. As you begin to realize your ritualistic path in life, find your example and goal in the life and faces of all beings walking the same journey. More than the Christian faith, all compassionate beings share the same desire—Life Eternal.

What kind of child would we be if we refused the gift from Santa? More than this, what kind of child would we be if we failed to believe in the goal of the good Manu? For anyone with a conscience, the truth is this simple:

### **One Mind – One Heart – One Unity**

This mind reveals both the gift and giver. YOU become both when you realize you are Santa. Before this can occur, you must become the same Love he offers to the children. Eventually, children leave the old toys behind, giving them away to the next generation of grandchildren. The process of Christmas then continues.

All rituals have the same meaning: Liberation of the soul back into Sattva (True Being). We were not meant to stay here in hell and separation from God's identity, nature, and unity with the whole. God is not a house divided. Neither are you once awakening and enlightenment bring cultivation to fruition. Ritual has a purpose, symbolized in all areas of our life. Once you know, you will realize it in all corners of our shared reality.

Welcome home! Be Love to know Love. Ritual, once seen by meaning, unifies all religions by the one meaning we come to understand. If you get this, then share this book, opening the eyes of

all sentient beings. By book, of course, I mean your own life lived. If you choose to share this book as well, then thank you for passing the present (this moment) to others.

You are this. Keep turning the wheel until you realize. You can't spell the word **Spiritual** without the word ritual, and without you, the Spirit is incomplete. Absolute requires all of its relatives to be everything that is. You are this—LOVE!

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# Seeds of Truth

Stephen T. McClard

## Victor Frankl

**“Everyone has his own specific vocation or mission in life to carry out; a concrete assignment which demands fulfillment. Therein he cannot be replaced, nor can his life be repeated. Thus, everyone’s task is as unique as his specific opportunity to implement it.”**

Everyone, no matter their lot in life, will act a part in the play called life. When viewed against the vastness of space and time, our lives are but grains of sand on an infinite stage. Some lives in this performance are seemingly insignificant while others play leading roles. The factors that determine our lot in life are guided by our views of truth and dictated by our larger view of the production for which we are cast.

Contained within every soul and locked within every human experience, truth abounds yet hides itself, patiently waiting to be found in its correct form and on its own terms. Truth, after all, is the ultimate end pursuit of all conscious efforts and the motivation for our movement forward in time. Housed in this tiny piece of real estate, we search, eking out our existence, patiently waiting for tiny moments of discovery that can fill our void and expand our view of the universe.

The unsatisfied thirst to understand and know truth is what plagues our existence. Yet, our finite existence contains potential for an infinitely marvelous array of possibilities when shadows of truth are humbly understood and applied to our efforts and struggles. Sadly, our truths are but the mere edges of ultimate universal truths that are waiting to be discovered.

Found within our souls and within our intellect, we hold the capacity to know and understand. We lack only the proper insights and connections for truth to be realized fully in our lives. As we seek to discover new understanding, truth observes our progress and waits.

Eons of time have passed since truth began its work, anticipating moments in time to reveal its purpose and expand our dimly lit view.

Nations struggle and wars rage, all in the name of truth. Contradictions to truth abound, yet truth remains constant, shining amid our turmoil and strife. We rage and fight to proclaim our knowledge of truth, yet truth patiently waits to reveal its purpose. We arrogantly boast that we possess truth, yet truth patiently waits for us to humble our souls.

Truth cannot be contained by a mere fleshly vessel. Knowing this is our first step to know more of what the immutable laws of truth offer. Truth cannot allow itself to be used for false purposes. Knowing this is our second step to understanding our reality and allowing truth to fill our need. Truth will not be used to manipulate or alter what is true. Knowing this allows us to humbly accept what truth sets out to accomplish. Truth patiently waits.

Our ways are not yet the ways of truth. Our thoughts are not yet the thoughts of truth. Our sense of justice is but a glimpse of what truth demands. The edges of truth are barely visible when seen through our dimly lit reality. We can be assured in our pursuit of truth if we will only humble our thoughts and patiently seek the glories of what truth will bring to our souls.

Truth moves about, quietly whispering in the ears of those who will listen. It speaks throughout the ages of what is right and good and pure. It gives a voice to the humble philosopher and shines a light for the seekers of knowledge. Passed along from generation to generation, its illuminations multiply. Called by many names, it quietly proclaims its wisdom, allowing us to grow in our understanding and control.

Truth asks only one thing of us: to humbly set our minds in the midst of knowledge and toward the pursuit of bettering others and ourselves. Truth patiently waits for us to seek and discover the rewards it has waiting for a generation that will plumb the depths of its boundless and abundant seeds of potential.

Truth is the pursuit, but meaning is the reward. The rewards of meaning and the pursuit of life are the answer to the ageless questions

that have haunted man since truth first began its work; who am I, and what is my purpose? Before truth fully answers these questions in your heart, it has one expectation.

As you gasp your last breath of life, what will run through your mind? What thoughts will you have about your life and the purpose for which you were formed? The two questions truth will answer in our lives—who am I, and what is my purpose?—will become startlingly clear to you at this moment, the final humbling moment of physical life. As you have your last thought, this will be the moment at which you realize the impact you had on others, the moment when you realize that you either lived your purpose on this earth or you missed your purpose completely.

Until this moment, truth hesitates to answer our questions. It waits patiently, eagerly, hoping it can bring the answers to light before our light fades and our eyes close for the last time. For a select few mortal souls, the seekers of knowledge, the meaning to these two questions will be answered before this moment arrives. Truth will gladly answer these questions but has an expectation which is hidden in an ancient riddle, the parts of which have been scattered in full view since truth first began its work.

The first part of the riddle is this: no matter where we go, there we will be, and until we realize that we can only be where we go, we will only be where we are. Going is the only way to travel along the path of truth. Just as the apprentice must stay with his master, truth will accept no less than this from us. We realize at this moment that answering the riddle starts with the journey.

The journey with truth starts with the first step and is the second part of the riddle. The first step in the journey is the most important step and cannot be taken in the wrong direction. It is at this point that most souls will stumble and lose their way along the true path. Without taking the proper steps in the proper directions, truth will continue without its apprentice. As sojourners with truth, we are bound to the path of truth and thus begin our journey in life.

Our journey begins when we enter through the gate of life at birth and lasts until we finally move through the portal of death. It is

between these moments that truth forges our destiny in the crucible of life. It is at this moment that truth decides our fate, the one purpose that we were formed from nothing to accomplish. What happens between these two moments, birth and death, will decide our fate. Truth, with its friend fate, decides our future destiny and dictates our purpose as we walk the path of life. Discovering purpose in life starts with the first step and ends with the last. Where we go, there we are, together with truth, stepping forward toward our destiny.

What, then, does truth require of the knowledge seeker along the journey? To discover the answer to this question, we must first learn humility. Truth will not reveal itself until we are humble before it. This may happen along the path or will finally happen when we exit this life through the portal of death. We are powerless against the eventuality of humility, so pushing ourselves beyond self will be the first step to understanding what truth requires of us.

To gain humility, we realize that our soul is unique to the purpose for which it was created. We choose our path through free will, and the choices we make along the way define who we are and will further define the unique steps of others. The value we see in others will be reflected in the value we place on ourselves. Free will is, therefore, the determining factor in our choice to be humble or to be selfish and self-centered. Free will can lead us away from the self-deception that separates us from truth, or it will ultimately lead us away from the true path. We are free to travel the paths of truth when our self-will is removed, and we humble ourselves by seeking the good of the many.

Truth is simply the destination of a random and unpredictable journey. As our soul walks to the grave, the steps taken along the way are dictated by free will. Whether we seek evil or good, all paths end at truth. For the seeker of knowledge, reward is gained and continues beyond the grave. For the seeker of self, reward is pursued but never gained, ending at the grave.

This life is fleeting. At our essence, we are souls trapped in a decaying corpse, a corpse moving about in time. Will the precious time we have on this earth be lived for our own selfish ends, or will we take each step forward for the betterment of others? Discovering our

purpose for this movement in time is then reduced to these two choices and will define who we are when the end finally comes. **No matter where we go, there we will be, and until we realize that we can only be where we go, we will only be where we are.**

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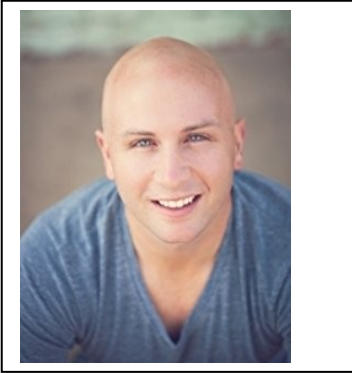
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