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QUESTION: Raj, I'm concerned with environmental problems on the planet, such as the cutting of the rain forest, pollution from driving cars and pollution of the oceans and the rivers. And I feel ready for a cause. What do you consider to be the greatest environmental problem? And how do you see that one person can best put their energy to solve it?

ANSWER: The greatest environmental problem there is is the unconsciousness of the inhabitants of your planet of the seriousness of the problem. And what is needed is the raising of the conscious awareness of it. And you can afford to put your full energy into bringing the problem to the level of conscious awareness. Any group that you can join or support to raise its voice intelligently and practically, will be an excellent thing for you to do.

Now I said intelligently and practically. If you are too intelligent about it no one will pay attention. And so, what really amounts to intelligence and practicality is whatever works. There needs to be a more conscious willingness to love this particular aspect of the Kingdom of Heaven. There needs to be a certain humility that develops in the hearts of men, that allows them to let go of their arrogant belief that they are superior to the planet and do not have to cooperate with it.

It is insulting to the ego to consider itself to be a part of the ecological system. The ego never likes to have to fit in. It never likes to have to be subject to the larger more universal order of things.

I will tell you something: if waking up means the defenseless embrace of All That Is, the defenseless embrace of the Wholeness of Being, it is necessarily going to mean the defenseless unconditional embrace of the planet. Just as it is going to have to involve the unconditional, loving embrace of body, of form in everyone of its manifestations. If this love is not brought forth, and if one insists on holding oneself separate from either the earth or ones body, you will see continued degeneration of both. But as there is a willingness to love and honor and, I'm going to say, be equal to all the manifestations of life, you will see regeneration and healing occurring.

I don't care how little a voice you add to that voice which raises the conscious awareness of the necessity of loving this planet, it will be energy well spent. That's the end of the answer.

QUESTION: This question kind of, almost relates to that one.

ANSWER: I am not surprised. There is order, isn't there?

QUESTION: Do animals choose their own destiny? And if so, why do some choose to be eaten?

ANSWER: Nothing chooses its own destiny. Not one expression of life stands on its own to choose for itself anything. Now you know why so few have woken up, because the ego itself is the supposition that such a choice actually exists. And it fights for its right to determine its life, its course. And all the time that it does this, it is acting at odds with the actual Movement of Creation.

The reason few have woken up is because few have arrived at a point of inner equilibrium that has allowed them to truly value the idea of yielding to the Father. That is unconscionable to the ego, “yield to anything, much less the Father? Actually arrive at a point of saying, “the concept of self-determination is an illusion?”” It does not make sense from within the three-dimensional frame of reference—from the ego’s vantage point. And yet, the power and the clarity and the joy and the congruence of Being, the experience of Being at Home, with a capital “H”, cannot be experienced until self-determination is trashed—released, let go of.

You are, every single one of you, the imminent Movement of God, the present Movement of the presence of God. Now the ego suggests that if you are not self-determined, and that you are to succumb to the Will of God, then you are yielding yourself into fate. No. You are yielding into the conscious experience of the Movement of Creation, because you are not claiming a mind separate from the capital “M” Mind, the Infinite Intelligence that God Is, the Movement of which is the Action of Creation. And when you are not claiming a mind separate from the Father, when you are not energizing a sense of mind or presence separate from the Infinite Intelligence or Mind that the Father is, you come into the undistorted conscious experience of God Being God.

Mind you, this does not mean that you as a puny little mortal come into a conscious experience of being God. But when this sense of being a mortal is released, then you find yourself forever on the threshold of the Movement of God that is called Life, experiencing what at this point I would have to call an active participation with the Father in that Movement of Creation.

And I’m being careful in my choice of words here, because it is not you cooperating with or playing a part in something else called God Being God. Because when you yield to that experience, a sense of private selfhood disappears while conscious individuality remains, except that that experience of conscious individuality is in no way distinguishable from the Movement of Consciousness—the Movement of the Infinite Mind that God Is that is the Movement of Creation.

So, how wonderful is self-determination if self-determination denies you the experience of unity with the Father, and the indivisible, inseparable experience of the Movement of Creation that is the Movement of your Being, because you are claiming and experiencing not being separate from the Infinite Being—God?

Now quite obviously all of you have a certain backlog of memories of some apparent ability to be self-determined and to be creative. But the only thing that

you can seem to create is a resistance to Reality. The only thing that you can seem to create is a certain amount of distressing tension that is a result of trying to go at right angles to the river of your Being, or to try to swim upstream so that you may stay in a particular area where the view on shore is particularly attractive.

Mind you, this aggressive act of disagreement with the flow of Life, the flow of Creation, does not change the elements. The river is still there. The shoreline is still there. The view is still there. But it is not moving as it would be if you were flowing. I say this so that you may understand that your whole sojourn in the three-dimensional frame of reference, your whole trek through the personal sense of existence separate from the Father, is going on right in the middle of the Kingdom of Heaven. It's going on right in the middle of Reality. Which means that the dissonance you feel is what it feels like when you are acting at odds with the Kingdom of Heaven.

Your resistance to the undistorted experience of Reality does not create something new called unreality. And so you do not have something called unreality to work out of to get back to some other place called Reality. You are doing all of your dreaming right in the middle of the Kingdom of Heaven.

And all of you who are engaged in waking up and returning to the conscious experience of the Kingdom of Heaven, are engaging in this process from your destination. And it is extremely important to understand this so that you do not get caught in the idea that waking up is a long process that involves going from one place to some place else. And it is almost as though, while you are sitting in the middle of the Kingdom of Heaven, in your ignorant reverie, an apple could fall from the tree over your head and snap you Awake.

You see, there really is no distance involved. And all of the processes you are going through are not absolutely necessary—they are helpful. But the more complex you conceptualize your Awakening to be the less you will expect to experience it in the moment you are in. And to that degree you will tend to distance yourself, or delay the experience of Awakening. This is the only way in which you seem to create your experience.

But again, the only experience you seem to create is an ignorance of what is going on right where you are—Reality. You choose or create your dissonant experience, because you are resisting experiencing Reality. You are resisting giving yourself permission to acknowledge and experience your innocence, your guiltlessness, your sinlessness, your inherent perfection, your Birthright of the Christ Consciousness, your Birthright which is to experience yourself as the presence of the Father/Mother, right here and right now.

And you create this dissonance by arguing on the side of your guilt and your worthlessness. You look back on this illusory experience that you have created, which doesn't seem to uncover your Divinity, and you say, "See, it proves that I am not worthy. Yesterday I was unloving. Last week I did something absolutely horrible. The week before I did something that was so thoughtless that my mind

must be going. There is no justification for me to embrace the fact—what you call the fact—that I am Divine.”

But I am saying be radical, and don't abide by your acquired sense of what is intelligent and reasonable, and begin to actively claim your Birthright that you are the perfect child of God. What does that make you? That makes you in actuality the Christ, right here, right now. That's the fact that you need to give yourself permission to experience. And then in order to experience it, you do have to be willing to succumb to the current of the river of your Being, which is the Movement of God—God expressed and embodied Infinitely—of which you are the embodiment. And release all attempts to be self-determined from a standpoint of a puny little ego sense of yourself. And begin to be willing to experience the ways in which your life is capital “S” Self-determined, God-determined.

This process is suppose to be a delightful journey. And the only thing that seems to make it difficult for anybody is that they keep listening to their ego conditioning that says, “You are going crazy. You are not making sense. Nobody will respect you.”

But you know what? Becoming capital “S” Self-determined, where you as a little ego are not aggressively doing anything at all, really amounts to becoming Real—Real in the sense that you are getting to know yourself, who you Are—and not who others expect you to be and allowing yourself to be at home with whoever you find yourself to be in the moment.

You will find that as you let go of meeting other peoples expectations, or resisting other peoples expectations, you will begin to relax, and a common sense and intelligence will begin to be easily available to you because you are not compulsively defending yourself against or trying to comply with what the world expects of you. And your simple divinity will begin to come forth and be expressed. And you won't end up just being a good guy. You will end up being a presence that is truly meaningful and that others will enjoy being with, because you are so down-to-earth. And you seem always to have the answer or the words that bring perspective into play and annihilates conflict and concern.

When you begin to stop being self-determined from a small ego standpoint, and you relax with yourself about yourself, you will find yourself becoming eminently intelligent. That is what Paul is doing at this moment. And there is nothing overwhelming about him. And there is nothing arrogant about him. There is nothing that creates a feeling of a need for defensiveness.

Yes, I am speaking at the moment. But if Paul would allow himself to speak at this moment, it would be what I am saying. Because I am not speaking to you as a personality, you could say I am speaking as the voice for Truth, because I am claiming no other presence than the presence of Truth. And when one is allowing the ego sense to be out of the way, one becomes the transparency for Truth, the ultimate appropriateness at any given moment.

Paul is not being self-determined at this moment—self-determined, with a small “s”. Now, he is become self-conscious, with a small “s”. And I will take the

opportunity to use this as an example, because he has learned under these circumstances that when he becomes self-conscious it is important for him to not energize it, but to become centered again, and therefore Self-determined, with a capital “S”. And as a result of that, he does not lose the capacity to continue to be the presence of unconditional love and intelligence and appropriateness.

Now I bring this out because the same thing applies to all of you at various times you become self-conscious. You become ego conscious, and you lose whatever equilibrium you have gained. And always, when that happens it is because an ego sense of vulnerability has come into play. And why would there be an ego sense of vulnerability? Because you believe that you are confronted with other egos, who of course are undependable and certainly frightening.

If when this happens you will immediately cease to define those around you whom you are reacting to as egos, which you need to be defensive against, and then you choose to move back to your best equilibrium, you will recover your equilibrium and will be able to continue to be what I will call an agent for change, because you are not contributing to and substantiating the ego dynamic—the ego illusion.

The tendency always when this happens is to become defensive, and then arm yourselves even further to be protected against being judged. And so you leave your best centered place, or your best equilibrium, you become a good little defensive ego, armed against the egos whom you have judged will judge you, and intelligence is lost, and the ability to be appropriate and healing and being meaningful is lost.

You become capital “S” Self-determined by setting aside all attempts to be self-determined as a body—as a person confined by the outline of your form. If you want to experience ongoing ignorance, frustration and confusion, be self-determined. And if indeed you want to become that presence of genuineness that is the presence of God right where you are, give up self-determination and be in touch with yourself with love. And then just be out of that place of balance and of peace that is always there in that love.

Oh yes, animals do indeed attempt to be self-determined. They have as big egos as human beings. And they also have to learn to yield. That’s the end of the answer.

QUESTION: Raj, my question seems very personal, but somehow related to what you just said concerning self-determination. In the Course, it says, “It is not up to you to change your brother, but merely to see him as he Is.”

ANSWER: That does not mean to see him as the asshole he seems to be presenting himself as. It doesn’t matter how much of an ego he seems to be presenting. Continue.

QUESTION: Well, you have said that as my mind gets clearer about my divinity that my world will reconfigure.

ANSWER: And even before it reconfigures you will begin to recognize the same divinity that you are now owning as your own, as being inherent in those others in your world. You will see this even before their behavior begins to reconfigure. Continue.

QUESTION: Okay. So, is it ever appropriate to say to someone that I love and interact with a lot, “this interaction between us doesn’t seem loving. And I don’t know what to do about it. Would you know why this is taking place?” It seems like that could be construed, I want them to change their behavior. And I do. Because I don’t think I deserve to continue in the same interaction that I’ve done before. So, is it appropriate ever to say, “I don’t like what’s going on here”?

ANSWER: It is if you want an inappropriate behavior to stop. As I’ve said before, love does not mean becoming a doormat for the ego’s of others. You can relate to this relative to the raising of your own children. Were there not times that you had to say, “no, this is not loving behavior,” or “no, this is not intelligent behavior,” or “no this is not principled behavior”? Indeed, and you understood that, in fact, it was your responsibility to make that educational disclosure. Correct?

QUESTION: Right.

ANSWER: Now, since your children have grown, have you suddenly become a nincompoop, not knowing what is truth, or what is right, or what is principled, or what is loving, and now you must close your lips and be an idiot and say nothing? I am saying it this way to you because it is easy for you to see in this light how completely appropriate it is for you to state your clear perception of truth—your clear awareness of what is loving and what is appropriate.

Would you let your children mistreat you out of ignorance? No! You would disclose to them what constituted appropriate and loving treatment. Don’t hesitate to do this with your brother or sister, your fellow man, your fellow woman.

Do not hesitate to say, “This is appropriate behavior with me. And that is not appropriate behavior with me, because it isn’t loving. And if you insist on that type of behavior, you will simply need to do it elsewhere. Because you see, I know it doesn’t represent you. I know you are not wanting to convey that. But however, if you insist on saying that you are not conveying that, and your behavior does not mean that, and therefore you see no reason to change, then I will have to ask you to behave like that elsewhere and not in my home, or not in my presence. I love you, but I will not join with you in support of that kind of behavior in my presence.”

You must be willing to be straight and direct. And I will tell you also, that you must be willing to dare to express truth. You have the capacity to recognize it. Dare to express it. You didn’t hesitate with your children.

QUESTION: Let’s say that I share a driveway with someone I dearly love, and they park their car in a way that before I can do what I want to do I

have to move their car. And so in the past I've done it, and not said anything. And now I am saying something, and it still happens. And so what is my recourse then? I still don't like it.

ANSWER: Continue to express the need, with firmness, for them not to park the car that way so that it necessitates your moving it. This does not constitute being demanding or overbearing. You are asking for a thoughtfulness, an expression of kindness. That is a good thing to do.

What is not a good thing to do, is to get angry about it. When you get angry about it, you are engaging in judgment. You are creating the conflicted emotion of anger within you. You are upsetting yourself. And then after you have gone through all of this inner agony of being angry, it pisses you off because that other one doesn't even feel bad.

And I will tell you that that experience states a truth or a solution, rather than a problem because it isn't the point for the other one to feel bad. The point is, that you are creating an experience of feeling bad for yourself that is inappropriate.

Now be willing to be like the drop of water that wears away the immovable stone. It requires no emotion. It does require repetition. But it required repetition with the kids, didn't it? If you are learning the multiplication tables, it takes repetition, doesn't it? Be willing to lovingly repeat that which helps promote greater harmony. That's the end of the answer.

QUESTION: My question is: what is the appropriate way to express anger? And also, how can I be assertive without being angry?

ANSWER: Well, I will tell you that if you will be assertive instead of squelching the assertiveness, you will not end up being angry. And if before you are assertive you pay attention quietly within to what is appropriate, then you will always find yourself being assertive in ways that are productive of harmony.

That is not an absolute fact. Because sometimes when you are appropriate and you say "no" aggressively to someone who is very insistent upon having you say "yes," you will be met with distress. But if you're saying "no," or if you're standing at odds with someone else's point of view is a result of quiet awareness within yourself of what is appropriate for you, then your statement of "no" will not be a form of attack, it will simply be a very clear statement of you. You will not be saying it to get anyone else to change. You will be saying it to state where you unequivocally stand, not as over and against the other point of view, but as a simple statement of self.

And when you do this and there is not an act of aggression in it, but there is a definite statement, a genuine statement that expresses you, you will find that the other persons objection will not tend to come back at you in a form of attack. Because they will hear the fact that you are not coming from a place of weakness, or vulnerability, or indecision, or doubt. And they will realize that they are simply going to have to pay attention to what you are saying.

What you are meaning by assertiveness, is expressing yourself simply and clearly so as not to arouse opposition. And the only thing that will truly do that is when you are speaking from your genuine feeling, not from emotions.

You get angry when you are not heard. But generally speaking, when you are not heard it is because you have not been listening to yourself first and are not clearly expressing you. And you are rather, by means of your words, attempting to defend your sense of vulnerability. That's the end of the answer.

Don't be afraid to be in touch with the simplicity of who you are, and then express it simply and let the chips fall where they may. That's when the gift of you begins to truly be made, and everyone around you is blessed.

QUESTION: I recently took on what for me was a rather large responsibility. I made a commitment before I was really fully ready to take responsibility for the commitment. And as a result of that I find that I've needed to find a way to generate more money than I have ever thought I would need to generate. And so I've taken off on a new career, studying towards being an accountant.

In the process of doing this field of study, this sadness comes over me that feels like it's saying I'm violating my Being in some way. This is my interpretation of the sadness. I don't really know what it is. I don't trust myself to let go of this and then just see what else will come up, because it is the only thing I can see.

PAUL: This is me Paul. When you say let go of this, what is the this?

QUESTION: This course of pursuing the accounting credential, which will set me up to get a job which will pay enough to support the family that I now have. And I want to support the family. But somehow I would like to do so in such a way that it doesn't violate my Being. And I guess what I want is some kind of confirmation, that either I'm on the right track with this and that the sadness is just something that is a necessary loss that I have to go through, or what? I feel like I'm pushing myself through this, rather than allowing it to unfold. And maybe I'm wrong?

ANSWER: The fact is that you are pushing yourself through it, instead of allowing it to unfold. But you must understand that you do not need to change anything that is happening in order to switch from a pushing to an allowing mode. But I will tell you, literally, you are faced with what I am going to call the loss of freedom that accompanies a commitment. And your ego is indeed distressed at the loss of freedom. But the commitment that you have made is one which is grounding to you in the most fundamental divine spiritual way.

Your horizons are being expanded. You are at a point of having to embody the love that you have for them. And when I say embody, I mean bring into tangible expression.

You are, literally, getting a taste of what a mother expresses daily towards her children and her husband—selfless willingness with love, to do repetitious, supposedly unfulfilling, meaningless work—cook, clean house, change diapers,

clean toilets, and still be fresh for hubby as though her day had not been hard at all and the only one important is him.

Now I am glossing the picture over a little too much. But the point is that you are moving into a level of experience that is maturing you, because you are having to embody or bring into practical expression your love. And you have lost a freedom to be uncommitted. But there is a fulfillment here that far exceeds any of the fulfillments you could get from being uncommitted, because you are going to grow wonderfully. Not only from the work that you are doing, not only from your willingness to express your love in this way, but from the demands that this family will make upon you. These demands will not deplete you, they will enlarge you. They will uncover more of you than you thought was there—just like boot camp.

I will tell you that the majority of the young men in the world would not know of their capacities if it were not for boot camp, because they would not have had the demand to extend themselves, and discover that there was more to them than they thought there was.

Now this responsibility you have taken on is not truly like boot camp, but it is broadening, expanding, enlarging. And it will uncover depths of you that you did not know you had. Depths of your capacity to love, and love, and love, and love. And you will become more aware of how big you are, how unlimited your resources are. You are not on the wrong track. You are not doing the wrong thing. You are not going against your fundamental nature. But, you are going against your ego conditioning. And Bravo!

And I encourage you to hold on to this, and to pursue it. And notice the ego when it complains, but don't take the bait. Just notice that it is acting up again. The part of you that notices it is the part of you that is Real. And you can say to your ego, "Go ahead and complain, I am unaffected by it. I do not choose to energize you. I do not choose to validate you." And then let it grouse. And when it sees that the grouching is not going to hook you, it will shut up and it will try to find another place to hook you.

I will tell you something else: No one who gets married is ready for what comes. So do not feel that you have somehow missed the boat and are unprepared, where everyone else was prepared. If everyone waited until they could afford to get married, no one would get married. But when out of their love, and out of their confidence in life they open themselves up and are willing to embrace it, they find that what they need is there in one form or another. And so have faith. That's the end of the answer.

QUESTION: Some of the early answers really addressed a major issue that I'm seeing rising in my life. It has to do with: that it's seeming to me that I'm increasingly less capable of having strategies to direct my life to approach areas or to manipulate things. And that seemed to be something that you spoke of earlier. And along with a deepening trust that if I follow my own integrity, follow my own deep sense of what is appropriate and don't try

and push things around a lot, I'm having a deepening sense of trust that what is best for me or what is most creative, the most loving, will unfold. And I'm finding that in fact that is happening.

It's almost like I feel incapable of having strategies, and that's very scary sometimes. Because I suppose my ego totally panics when it looks at things and says, "you can't do this anymore, and you can't do this anymore, and what's going to happen?" And it sort of sends out rational for all these forms of fear.

And I would like some support in the direction I'm moving in. I give myself the support. And when I go inward, I do find very definite support for this that those activities which I most love, that that is the most appropriate thing. Well, in this case they don't even seem to be strategies, they seem to be just giving it my creative attention, and doing a certain kind of work.

ANSWER: Indeed, your question illustrates a point that it is important for everyone to understand. The experience of enlightenment that increases your capacity to be aware divinely, doesn't constitute new intellectual understandings that replace older more limited intellectual understandings.

The experiences of enlightenment actually begin to change your experience of you. Which is exactly what you were describing. And you may find that you are seeming to lose the capacity to be intellectually, intelligently in control, by means of grasping everything with your intellect so clearly that you are ready for anything. Or it can seem to unfold as a continued capacity to operate intellectually without being effective. Either way it can seem scary. Because it puts you at a point similar to the one that Paul and Susan find themselves in, when I referred to them as boats adrift in the grip of God, ignorantly bemoaning their fate, their bad luck.

Indeed, as one begins to trust, one begins to yield. One finds himself seeming to lose control. And because the sense of one's integrity has to a great degree been gathered from or derived from a skillful exercise of control, then one's sense of integrity seems to be undermined by this loss of control.

But you see, until you are willing to take this risk, which you have been willing to take, and yield to the Movement of your Being, with a capital "B", you do not have the opportunity to find out that there is a pre-existing divine order to everything. Because everything is the current manifestation of the Movement of Creation, which of course is the Movement of God. And God is Truth. And God is Principle. And God is intelligence. And therefore, there is perfect order and perfect fulfillment of purpose in every single aspect of the Movement of God's Being.

You have heard the statement "let go and let God." And it sounds wonderful, but doing it is very much like a youngster learning how to float on his back. He will sink if he tenses up. But if he relaxes he will find himself magically supported.

Waking up is going to mean changes in your experience of yourself. And the changes are going to move you beyond your current way of interpreting everything. And it is going to involve trust.

Those of you who are familiar with A Course In Miracles are of course familiar with that word trust. And when trust is put into practice, you find that it is something different from confidence. And you find that what you used to call trust, was confidence and not trust. Because trust is when you step into that which you are not yet familiar with. Trust is daring to risk the chance that God Is All.

Now I will confirm for you that everything that is happening is in absolute order. But I wish to also confirm to you, and to everyone else, that as you are willing to step into that with which you are not familiar, but that which you have an unreasonable willingness to commit to, you must be willing to take responsibility for it.

Now what do I mean by that? I mean, don't do it if you don't feel it. And if you do feel it, do it, and do it with a certain joy. And never do it because someone else said that is the way of the spiritual path.

When you are truly ready to risk the chance that God Is All, and step out on the basis of an inner conviction, you will do it without hold an ace up your sleeve or behind your back that allows you to blame someone else if it doesn't work out. If it doesn't work out you will say, "it was worth it to try it. And if I had it to do over again, I would do it over again." That is taking responsibility. That is what I mean.

Therefore, when you feel led within, whether it is through a conscious experience of dialog with your guide, or whether it is an inner nudge, don't act upon that inner nudge or that guidance until you have arrived at a point of comfort with it, where you are willing to test it out. When you do this, you want the steps to be genuinely taken because you feel it is important for you, whether you succeed the first time or not. In this way, you will bring the kind of commitment to it that is really necessary for it to be experienced fulfillingly.

The unreasonable things you have been stating in your question, shall I say, the unreasonable basis upon which you have been living your life for this past period of time, is indeed reasonable beyond your egos sense of reasonability. And by continuing, you will find yourself getting further confirmation from your experience. You are on track. That's the end of the answer.

Now I will tell all of you that a prolonged experience of real peace is utterly boring to the ego. And if you experience prolonged periods of peace and harmony, your ego's will get in there and attempt to drum up a little drama. And there is a necessity to, when you are learning to support, if I can put it that way, an ongoing experience of peace, to be willing to hang in there with it, even though from the standpoint of your old conditioning the vitality, the vigor and the apparent meaning of life has gone out of life.

As one is willing to let go of being hooked by a demand for another fix of drama, one finds himself or herself coming into a fuller experience of the joy that

is inherent in the peace and the harmony. The ego thrives on and depends upon conflict for its sustenance. That's the end of the answer.

QUESTION: If I am not totally Awake and have not my lessons learned in this lifetime, will I in the next dimension continue to Awaken and to learn? And will I have any control over whether I will reincarnate or not?

ANSWER: Absolutely, if you were to pass on at this very instant, you would find yourself having experienced no interruption of conscious awareness of yourself, and of conscious awareness of your body. You will find yourself as ignorant as you were the moment before you passed on, and with the same opportunities to wake up that you experience now. And indeed the process of waking up would continue. Why? Because the whole time you have been dreaming a dream you have been doing it in the Kingdom of Heaven, and you have been the Christ doing it.

So inevitably the facts will break through the nature of the dream and rouse you out of it. The fact of you must register with you. Everyone is going to wake up, because no one has ever really stopped being what they divinely are.

Now the fact is that you will not have the choice to incarnate again. The reason being that, literally, this is the last incarnation. Everyone who is still dreaming dreams is on the verge of waking up, because there are not enough involved in the ego sense of existence, or the limited perception of the Kingdom of Heaven to support its ongoing existence. The dream is breaking up.

You do indeed live in interesting times. Awakening has been proceeding at an accelerated rate since 1845. Humanly speaking, this has been represented by, shall I say, the increase in inventions, the increase in discoveries, scientifically speaking. It is as though the limited frame of reference is becoming more unlimited.

Up until 1845, mankind as a whole—throughout recorded history within the three-dimensional frame of reference—had dealt primarily with survival, had very little time to truly be contemplative, had very little time to do anything other than be defensive and self-protective for the purpose of sustaining his experience of being alive.

Since that time, there have been within the ranks of the Brotherhood of Man—which in Biblical terms is called the Body of Christ, which in Reality defines the infinite expression of God as Conscious Individuality—has become unfettered from the sense of identity or identification with the body. And significant numbers of Individualities have Awakened, thus withdrawing their energy from joining with the others who were asleep caught in the limited ego frame of reference. You could say that they have joined the ranks of those who are helping (just as I am right now) support the encouragement of further Awakening among those who are still dreaming, but dreaming fitfully.

And so there are rapid strides being taken. The shift of consciousness from body identification to mind identification to the conscious experience of one's self as Conscious Awareness, in which the experience of all form, of all specific

meaning is going on—is occurring. And it is occurring rapidly enough that there will be within the next 40 years this total shift of Awakening of the Brotherhood of Man coming into its right Mind. And there will be no further dips being taken into the pool of ignorance.

So no, you will not come back again. And yes, you will wake up very soon. And it is not appropriate for any of you to assume that you will not wake up before the time that you would normally have passed on. Put more positively: it is reasonable for all of you to expect to wake up before you pass on. That is becoming the more profound likelihood.

Remember you are doing your waking up at your destination. Remember that, because you must remind yourself that you are not a great distance away from your destination. It's only a matter of a shift of attention. I fully understand that you don't know exactly what that means in the practical terms of experience, but you grasp the idea that if you are in the Kingdom of Heaven at this moment, dreaming a dream let us say, sidetracked from paying attention to what is going on, obviously your task is not to hike or maneuver your way back to a location called the Kingdom of Heaven. All that is necessary is to let go of the distraction and open your eyes.

Therefore, you don't have to engage in practices that cause you to become deserving of going through the Pearly Gates. It tells you that there is no lectern from which Peter says, "that way," or, "that way." You need to know that at this very instant, because you are already in the Kingdom of Heaven, you deserve to be there. You do not have to earn the right to be there. You don't have to become more than you are to be there. All you have to do is to say "okay" to being there, and then begin to look around you with a curiosity to see the evidences of the presence's of God. That element of curiosity is what will begin to cause your eyelids to crack open and begin to see the truth—the truth about you and the truth about where you are. That's the end of the answer.

QUESTION: Raj, I have a question for you. Our scientist and many of our authors, like Carl Sagan, have allowed us to know that there is another planet that is entering our galaxy and is coming towards the Earth. And I'd like to know if this is the missing planet that's been called planet "X", or others have referred to it at the Twelfth Planet that has the Nafilim on it. And I want to know when it will be coming here, and what effects it will have on the planet and the peoples of the Earth?

ANSWER: At this time the only thing that it is appropriate for me to say is that its presence is not a random movement. That indeed, it is a three-dimensional manifestation of a fourth-dimensional Movement, and therefore expresses the divine intent of the Father, shall I say, the integrated, indivisible, harmonious Movement of fulfillment of purpose. And there is absolutely no need for fear, period.

Also, do not let such an event distract you from being fully present in the now with your curiosity wide open to begin to see the evidences of the Movement of God—that are inches away from your nose.

PAUL: This is me, Paul. He's giving an image here. It's like when you're sleeping at night, and if somebody comes in and shakes your shoulder or calls your name, and you're dreaming a dream, and in the dream you hear someone call your name, or a character or person in your dream is shaking your shoulder. And so the event that is really occurring in the real world gets translated into the dynamics of the dream you are having.

It's almost as though, here you are or here any of us is, sitting like on a grassy knoll in the Kingdom of Heaven, maybe propped up against a tree and we've dozed off and we're having a dream, and here comes somebody notable. And our sensing of it becomes translated into whatever is going on as we're dozing.

Three-dimensionally speaking, physically speaking, there is this planet coming into our experience. Fourth-dimensionally it's like it's something else in the sense that it has greater meaning than what we are allowing ourselves to perceive by virtue of interpreting it physically, as a physical phenomena of a physical universe that probably doesn't have anything to do with a God or a fourth-dimension. Does that make sense?

QUESTION: Not completely. If it is in the third-dimension and it is coming into our sphere of where we can see it and we can register it as being made up of matter, then what could it possibly be in the fourth-dimension? Is it a separate entity in the fourth-dimension, or is the fourth-dimension a shadow of the third-dimension of this planet. I'm a little confused.

ANSWER: Your confusion will be cleared up if you understand that the only thing there is present to be experienced is Reality, with a capital "R". When I use the term Reality, with a capital "R", I am speaking of the fourth-dimension. I will put it this way: The fourth-dimension is that state of consciousness that is fully illumined, fully Awake, fully enlightened, experiencing all of Reality, you might say, through the Father's eyes, or with identically the same conscious experience that God is experiencing all that He is being, and recognizing Himself in it.

If one chooses to experience fourth-dimensional Reality from the third-dimension, he continues to experience the fourth-dimensional Reality with limitations. If at this instant you were to make a shift to a two-dimensional frame of reference, you would still experience everything in this room, everything in this room would be available to you to experience, but with greater limitation than you currently have from the three-dimensional frame of reference.

No matter what degree of limitation you are perceiving Reality from, it is still Reality that you are experiencing. One is not a shadow of another. One is not an archetype standing above and behind another. Everything you are experiencing

is some aspect of Reality, with a capital “R”. It is the fourth-dimension that you are experiencing from within a limited perception of it.

Indeed, you appear to be a physical organism, but I have been sitting here tonight telling you that you are the embodiment of God. I am not talking about a different you than the one who is right here in front of me. I will tell you that as I sit here I experience you with your Body of Light, as you would experience yourself if you were not enclosed or confined by your limited concepts or perceptions. This Body of Light is not behind the physical, it is in identically the same space because it is the same body experienced without limits of perception.

As you begin to be unconditional in your observation of your world, as you begin to concede that maybe nothing that you see means what you think it means, you will begin to see everything new because you will not be holding everything to your current sense of definition of it. You will not begin to see a different thing, you will see that thing clearly. In Biblical terms, you will no longer see it through a glass darkly.

QUESTION: I got it.

ANSWER: Again, there is not another place, another dimension per se, to which you can move that has a different reality going on in it, different from the one you are experiencing. It is an enlightened rather than an endarkened experience of the only Reality, the only thing that is going on, which is the Kingdom of Heaven. As each of you begins to claim your Birthright as the Son or Daughter of God, as being the embodiment of the intent and meaning that the Father has brought into play as His Self-expression, you experience healing.

You don’t begin to see a different body, you see this body more perfectly. And this increasing presence or manifestation of perfection is what you will see as you begin to wake up. You will not rise above this world. You will not rise above your body. You will be right where you are experiencing it all with a true perspective.

And I will tell you something: the most significant factor that blocks you from seeing the perfection of the Kingdom of Heaven that is going on right here, is your fear and your resultant defensiveness, which causes you to contract and use your body as a means of defense against whatever it is that you are fearing.

And this is why it is so necessary to engage in the act of love, which is the willingness to recognize that which is Real, with a capital “R”, in each and everything, whether it is an ant, or whether it is a chair, or whether it is a fellow human being, or whether it is a tree, or whether it is a planet.

And I’m going to add: not only is love the willingness to recognize that which is Real, it is the curiosity to see it. So that you do not approach your day as though you have it pegged, and you know what it is, and there’s nothing else to be discovered.

This is where it’s going to happen. And all of this is what you are going to see anew. And so start being curious here, and start being curious today, so that

when this planet gets where you can see it you will already have had practice at discerning a thing for what it is. That's the end of the answer.

QUESTION: Raj, a little better than a year ago, myself and a few friends decided to undertake a business endeavor. And we really, truly felt that this was spiritually directed. We all put forth our efforts as best we could and asked for guidance. And I really can't say that this has prospered. Now we have to make a decision as to perhaps a change in marketing, or as a friend says, "You can't continue to ride a dead horse." Do you know what I mean? Do you have any insight as to what might be our best direction?

ANSWER: To pay attention to what all of you are feeling. Now I need to be very clear here. There is a difference between feelings and emotions. Feelings are the deep recognition of Soul in you. Emotions are ego reactions to Reality when it doesn't occur according to the ego's concept of how it ought to be. The ego is always reacting to Reality when it doesn't conform to its attempts to control. They [emotions] are undependable, and they do not reflect truth. Feelings reflect truth, because they are a Soul experience, and they are never conflicted, and they always convey the meanings of truth.

Now you as a group must not invalidate your willingness to listen for guidance because of what has transpired. You must be willing to listen further. And you must understand that when you are listening you are listening for answers, and that answers always simplify and clarify. Answers never condemn. Answers never judge. Answers always uncover your integrity, and answers always uncover fulfillment of purpose.

Now I'm not avoiding answering the question, because the answer is not what I might tell you to do, or what direction to take relative to the business. The answer here is that you need to continue to entrust yourself to listening for guidance, for further refinements of clarification that are relevant to the circumstances at the moment. And then I encourage you to trust what you as a group find yourselves knowing as a result of listening.

You must all understand that when you are listening for truth, when you are listening for guidance, you are listening for guidance relative to life, which is always moving and never static. And therefore, you will never get an answer that will stand for all time, that will allow you to not have to pay attention anymore because you've got that pegged.

That is the problem you are experiencing right now. You have everything pegged. You think you know what a thing is. And that is why the first lesson in the Course says, "Nothing I see means anything." This conviction that you have the definition, or the meaning of a thing down pat, needs to be broken so that you may get in touch with the fluidity of the Movement of Creation, and remain or stay forever fresh with it.

There is simply a call here for continued listening. But not listening for a new definite answer that won't change. You will be listening for the awareness of what is appropriate, the feeling of what is appropriate that will identify fulfillment

of purpose. And you have the right to do that, because you seem not to be experiencing fulfillment of purpose at the moment. And yet fulfillment of purpose is the nature of the Movement of God, and therefore that is what is present for you to discern.

Further deep listening is called for, with a confidence that what you need to know in order to experience that fulfillment of purpose will be naturally forthcoming, because that is the nature of life, and therefore it is the nature of this particular endeavor, if you will. That is what needs to be attended to. That is the answer. That's the end of the answer.

QUESTION: Raj, I have a special affinity for animals, and I was wondering if animals are part of the one Soul, one Sonship? And if so, do animals ever incarnate in human form?

ANSWER: They never incarnate in human form. Indeed, they are full manifestations of the Father. They are part of the infinite Creation of God. They are not a lesser manifestation of the Father. They are just a different manifestation. And when the sense of difference that you experience between yourself and them is gone, you will find communication completely possible and full. I mean by that, that they will be able—if I may put it this way—that they will be able to communicate with you about scientific subjects, or about any aspect of the infinity of God's Creation.

You, mankind currently has a willingness to embrace the possibility that the dolphins are not an inferior species. And they are coming closer to the truth here, even though the means of communication has not yet been established. But you see there is a curiosity. And as a result of the curiosity, there is a willingness to pay attention to them and to the sounds they make, as though maybe something intelligent is occurring.

That shift of perception means that they have become more defenseless relative to dolphins. They are not convinced that they are just a dumb animal—a sub-species. And by virtue of letting go of the conviction that because dolphins are part of the animal kingdom, which is necessarily inferior to mankind, they are, shall I say, right for the penetration of the reality of things to occur. Now it just happens that the same thing is true of dogs and cats and birds and snakes.

So, you can begin to see how valuable this statement is, that nothing that I see means what I think it means. Because if you are willing to embrace that statement, and then approach your world as though there literally is more of the infinite manifestation of intelligence to it, that you can communicate with and commune with... well you will see that that statement opens the door for you because it allows for curiosity, and it brings into play a willingness to give permission for radical, new experiences.

The convictions that you have as to what a thing is and what a thing is not, literally blinds you and binds you to your current limited perception of what? The Kingdom of Heaven. If a dog or a cat is itself the embodiment of God, then why

would it want to become a human being? And vice versa. It doesn't need to become different because it isn't lacking.

And fourth-dimensionally, or truly speaking, there is no hierarchy to the infinite expression of the Father. The idea of spiritual hierarchies is a concept colored by ego. It is the way the indivisible, and therefore undivided infinite expression of God looks when looked at through the lenses of the ego. But even though the lenses suggest levels of order, and levels of control, it doesn't change the fact that Reality is undivided and indivisible, expressing infinitely perfect harmony. That's the end of the answer.

QUESTION: What is it going to be like to be Awake? And if we're all light and we have no contrast, then how will we know that's perfect?

ANSWER: It is not that it is all just light. It is also that the substance of everything that is light also embodies the meaning of that particular form of God's expression. And so there is color as well, which, three-dimensionally speaking, means that there is part of the spectrum that has been deleted, part of the spectrum is absent in order for you to see red, or blue, or green, or any color other than white. But fourth-dimensionally speaking, that is not the case.

And so, part of the experience of the light is that the shades or colors, which far surpass anything that you can imagine at the moment, express something of the intent or meaning. So there's not only a shape of light that is indeed distinguishable from other shapes of light, there is the meaning that is conveyed by the colors involved. And then underlying that is the fact that the light is love. Love is literally the illumination of the substance of Spirit. And so it is more than just light.

As I have said before, Bodies of Light can pass through each other. And that is accompanied with an experience. You can just barely grasp what I mean when you think of bodies connecting with each other. But this constitutes an aspect, or an experience of the intent or meaning of that particular expression of the Father.

Now I would have to go on and on to convey in some way the infiniteness of this experience, but let me simply say that when one Body of Light passes through another Body of Light, and it is experienced, it is not a private experience only of the two Bodies of Light, but is experienced by all of the Brotherhood. And so, you can at least conceptualize the fact that the infinite expression of God is at once experiencing all of conscious experience that is available without being overwhelmed or confused in any way. And it is an experience of bliss.

What it is difficult for your present frame of reference to grasp is the fact that you can experience being infinite and specific simultaneously without confusion.

Being Awake is an infinite experience, it is no longer a private experience. And yet, there is a definite experience of being consciously individual. Now the word individual takes on more of the word indivisible, which is what your dictionary defines individual as. But indivisible now means something infinitely

indivisible at one with everything, as well as specifically aware but claiming no sense of separateness to that awareness of specific individuality. I cannot express it in three-dimensional terms more clearly than that. And I encourage you not to fret yourself trying to grasp it.

What I encourage you to do is to begin to open yourself up to that experience by becoming less defensive towards your fellow man and woman, and to be willing to begin to acknowledge that even though everyone around you knows through exhibiting ego tendencies, the fact is that underneath those tendencies is the Christ. In this way you will begin to redefine what you are seeing, and thus you will begin to release yourself from your old confining definitions.

And if indeed you wake up in the morning and begin to approach your day, each day, with the idea that you are confronted with the Allness of God, and you are in the middle of the Kingdom of Heaven, and it must necessarily be expressing the indivisibility and therefore the unconflicted harmony of God, and you are going to be curious to see it, this also will begin to open you up to constitute the giving of permission to experience everything new—experience everything more clearly as Reality, as the Kingdom of Heaven.

But you must first be willing to look at everything and say, “This isn’t just the physical world I thought it was. I don’t really know what else it is, but Raj has said, and other Masters, or other Seers have said, ‘Now are we the Sons of God, now,’ and ‘the Kingdom of Heaven is within you. Now is the accepted time. Now are the fields white and ready for harvest. Now is the time to see God. If you have seen me, you have seen the Father.’” Well, if the seeing of me means you have seen the Father, then it means that the seeing of you means the seeing of the Father.

Waking up is giving permission to no longer hold your world in a conflicted, polarized, conceptual frame work. And a willingness to begin to see, what I will call, the miracle of the presence of God in the leaf that has fallen at your feet, or the woman standing in front of you across the counter, or your boss, or yourself.

The world over the last three years has had to do the unbelievable, it has had to be willing to relinquish the label “enemy” relative to the Soviet Union. Now which came first, the behavior that allowed for releasing the label? Or a certain level of spiritual maturity that let go of the label first? But the fact is that the concept has changed, and the manifestation has changed.

There are great miracles, great radical changes awaiting you over the next decade. And if you are willing to look at each day with fresh eyes, willing to acknowledge that God is present here and now, and that Heaven is not a far-off or in the after-life, you will be prepared for, as well as preparing the way for radical and wonderful transformation. And then I will ask you, will it be a transformation of the world, or will it be a transformation of the eyes that are looking at the world?

And I will leave you on that point. It has been my pleasure to be with you this evening. You are indeed welcome.