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The Mind and Heart of God

Poems

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*A lamp that does not flicker in a windless place,
to such is compared a yogi of subdued thought
practicing Union with the Self.*

Bhagavad Gita (*Maharishi Translation*)
The Yoga of Meditation (Dhyana Yoga)
Chapter VI, Verse 19 (pg 421)

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1. Daily Renewal

DAILY RENEWAL¹
❖ UNDERSTANDING KARMA ❖
THE ROAD TO GOD & UNITY CONSCIOUSNESS
AND ETERNAL COMMUNION IN GOD

Give each day to God
Let Him work through me
Let His Will be done
Let me be His instrument

When pain or panic come
retreat, regroup ...and remember
*pragya aparadh*² - mistake
Pain is God's rudder
God is the wind

Restore His instrument
Return to His Will
Allow the Transformation
Bless the Transformation

The Storm will pass
The Sun will return
The Sun is God
The Storm is also God

Be grateful for the Storm
And bless It too
But do not cling to It
For when It passes
God's rudder is straight

Raymond Reichman-Israelsohn
Johannesburg, 13 January 1996
The Seed, 12 January 1996

¹ *The Blade of Grass & The Footprint of the Calf*, Ch VIII Jyotish & Meaning, Houses (The Eighth: Transformation)

² *Pragya aparadh*: (*Sanskrit*) A mistake of the intellect (or perhaps rather *the* mistake of the intellect) a (or *the*) misunderstanding of the nature of maya and thus the ignorant confusion of apparency for reality.

2. **My Darling Daughter, Bom**

(on the eve of her departure for London)

The Bom

Love has no boundaries, no limit, no place and no time
My Love goes with you
You cannot escape it
It surrounds you, it enfolds and caresses you
It permeates you
But it does not imprison you
It liberates you... totally
It **is** You, It is God

Do not think about It
It is there
Thinking about It limits it
And it has no limit
It won't be captured 'there' - It can't
It won't be restrained 'here' - It can't
It is here and it is there

Do not hold It
It holds you
You are It, It is You
You cannot lose It, or mislay It
It cannot be stolen
You cannot wear it out
It doesn't need washing, or refreshing
It is the wearing out, the washing, the refreshing

It is with you Now
As I write this
As you read this
It is the Now
But do not limit It to now
It won't be captured 'now', It can't
It has no limit in time
It is the timeless moment
It is the Forever Moment

It does not belong to me
It is not mine to give
It gives itself
Receive It as such
But It is not yours to keep
It will not belong to you
It flows through you
To Everything
To everything you hear
To everything you touch and feel
To everything you see
To everything you taste and smell

To everything you think and do
To your life
To Life, to Everything

Go, my darling daughter
Live, my darling daughter
You don't have to find God
You don't have to find yourself
You are God
But don't look in the mirror
Don't think God, Be God

The Dad

Who is blessed with unlimited Love from God to Love you.

Raymond Reichman-Israelsohn
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Johannesburg, South Africa
Sunday, 28th April 1996

3. $E=MC^2 + LOVE$

$E= MC^2 + LOVE^3$

Love ..., Life
Word, Logos, Aum
Sound ..., Light
Form, Feel, Flavour
Sense

Experience, Enjoy
Speaker, spoken
Seer, seen
Creator, creation
Master, servant
Duality

Incarnation
Spirit, matter
Experience, enjoy
Duality, opposites
Gain, loss
Master, servant
Servant, master
Loss

Loss ..., Pain
Pain, "...why?"
Loss, gain
Gain, loss?
What?
The Path Back
Gained
Pain
Sweet, Bittersweet

Alone
In silent solitude
Re-discover Self
Re-assume mastery
Discipline the servant
Detach the senses
Love and Strength
Courage

Wisdom
Path, search
Illusion, Truth
Knowledge

³ *The Blade of Grass & The Footprint of the Calf*, Chapter V, Spirit & Soul – God & Man

Intellect, Intuition
Information, Gnosis
Magi, Yogi
Nous

Love
Abstract, God
Manifest, you
The Nix⁴
I am the eye of God
I focus the lens
Father, father, daughter
Greek knitted cap⁵
Love

Life, Death
Time, space, energy
Here, there
Now, then
Mind configuration
Light, speed, matter
 $E=MC^2 + \text{Love}$

To be continued...

The Dad
Johannesburg
6th October 1996

⁴ Nicole, a daughter

⁵ Nicole at age four in a Greek knitted cap: A private icon of love to a dad.

4. The Rough Passage

THE ROUGH PASSAGE⁶

Depart the harbour of relativity⁷
Its shelter is an illusion
Set Sail!
But beware, I offer just a raft

Cross the bar, enter the sea
But the sea is just the means
The destination is the far shore
The far shore of absolute Being

Sight the far shore
Navigate the sea
Seek the knowledge
Be brave

The sea is rough
Why?
It seeks to destroy
What?

Destruction, creation
Reconcile the opposites
It seeks to create what
Out of the destruction?

Courage
Do not turn back to the harbour
Its safety is an illusion
Focus on the far shore

Make of Me your raft
Make of My knowledge your
courage to reach the far shore
I will embrace you there

Navigate by My stars
Yea, though Shani⁸ causes
you to tremble, Rahu⁹ too
They do it on My bidding

⁶ *The Blade of Grass and the Footprint of the Calf*, Chapter VIII, Jyotish; Houses & Dimensions

⁷ Relativity The non-transcendent physical world of the five senses constituted of the pairs of opposites (good and evil, etc) and their intercourse of polarity (Maya).

⁸ Shani: Saturn (Sanskrit), the planet of separation, grief and hard work. Eating from the sweat of our brow. The pain of birth and of death, life and its suffering in perceived separation from God.

⁹ Rahu: The northern node of the Moon (Sanskrit), the Dragon's Head in Western Astrology. The astrological energy that engineers transformation in man by agitation and loss, by disallowing comfort to set in, and by generally stirring the pot so as to allow the crème to rise.

I create your vulnerable point¹⁰
You need it to come home
I debilitate your stars
Just as I exalt them

Welcome the vulnerable point
Sail into it
With courage and trust in Me
Welcome its transformation

Shed the shields of the world
Disrobe
Bare yourself to Me
The dignity of daring

Through dharma¹¹, karma¹²
Gain¹³ and loss¹⁴
Gain is loss, loss is gain
Come Home, We are One¹⁵

Raymond Reichman-Israelsohn
Johannesburg 21st June 1997
Winter Solstice

¹⁰ Vulnerable Point: The Eighth House of our Vulnerability, which vulnerability collaborates and synergises with Rahu to permit our “legitimate Suffering” to enter our lives and thereby encourage transformation and the *crème* to rise... to refinement, ennoblement and enlightenment. Also, thus the Eighth House of Transformation. Transformation which is achieved by finding the vulnerable point in our armour – our Achilles heal disallowing us to block out honest confrontation with truth in our efforts to block out pain (legitimate suffering), allowing truth to enter through the Achilles heal, shatter the mould of armour from within, and thus release us from the prison of armour that we have constructed around us, and permit us then to rise freely to enlightenment – like the phoenix from its ashes. (Note that the Seventh House preceding the Eighth is the House of the World – the House of the polar object to the subject-self of the First House; the furthest point from the First House of Self, and from which furthest point the journey home to the Self begins in the Eighth.)

¹¹ Dharma: Destiny (Sanskrit). The Ninth House of Destiny, which meaningfully follows the Eighth House of Vulnerability (or hopefully, Transformation through Vulnerability).

¹² Karma: Action (Sanskrit). The Tenth House of Action, which meaningfully follows the Eighth and Ninth Houses for good reason and sees our actions resonant with the Ninth.

¹³ Gain: The Eleventh House of Gain

¹⁴ Loss: The Twelfth House of Loss

¹⁵ One: Return to the First House of Self, Finding ourselves and returning home to our Divinity after loss (12th House) of the ego... which of course is not loss. But it is not gain either; it is something more than that, it is reconciliation of both

5. Salutations to Sorrow

SALUTATIONS TO SORROW¹⁶

*O sorrow, salutations to you; you spurred me on my quest for self-knowledge and it is
by your grace that I have attained this self-knowledge; hence you are indeed the
bestower of delight.*

Yoga Vasistha - Swami Venkatesananda (323)

Sorrow, Delight
Illusions of the mind
Singularity at play
Polarity at play
Explorations of the mind
A partner to play -
Within the Singularity
To know the delight
The Bliss
Within Myself
I create, too
The Sorrow
Within Myself
To guide me to the Bliss
Within myself
I am equally blessed
With the sorrow
Within myself

*O sorrow, salutations to you;
you are indeed the bestower of delight.*

Raymond Reichman-Israelsohn
Johannesburg
21st July 1998

Dedicated to my dear wife, Cynthia,
who provides the loving nurture
within the security of which I express myself
with Love.

¹⁶ *The Blade of Grass and The Footprint of The Calf*, Chapter VII, Jyotish – Houses & Dimensions

6. “I”

“ I ”¹⁷

I ...
I sleep
But am not sleeping
I stir
But am not stirring
I awake
But was not sleeping

I hear
But was not deaf
I made the sound
... I am the sound
I see the sound and
I forget Myself
I create the light and
get lost in its shadow

Why?

I love the sound
I love the light
I love Myself
But I forgot
I saw the sound and
I forgot Myself

Why?

The pleasure of the sound
But I am the Sound
So I can hear I
create deafness and
am the Deafness too
I am the Pleasure
I am the Pain

I see the pleasure
I see the pain
I seek the pleasure
I feel the pain

I question the pain
Seldom the pleasure
Yet both are born from

¹⁷ *The Blade of Grass & The Footprint of The Calf*, Chapter I, The Mind of God

the same womb?

I seek Myself
But I am Here
I forgot and forgot again
I lost Myself in My own Sound
I seek Myself in own Sound
OM ...

Raymond Reichman-Israelsohn
Emmarentia
2nd September 1998

7. Self Knowledge

SELF-KNOWLEDGE¹⁸

*We shall not cease from exploration,
And the end of all our exploring
Will be to arrive where we started
And know the place for the first time.*

T S Eliot

Man is made in the image of God
The Kingdom of God within
The Divinity within us
The pleasure of experience... Ourselves
Who experiences the pleasure?
The Self?
The loss of the Self in the pleasure
The Fall of Man
The pain, pleasure's soul mate
The search for self-knowledge
The lost Self
The pain that spurs that search
The 'end of our exploring'
To find Divinity within
There the forevers meet
There when we started, in innocence
There when we end, in knowledge
There when we search, in pain
It *is* the start It *is* the end
It never started It never ends...
... It was also the Path...

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The first day of *Rahu*¹⁹, the present
*Mahadasha*²⁰ leader of my chart for this
lifetime, in *Vyaya* (my 12th House, of Loss)

¹⁸ *The Blade of Grass and The Footprint of The Calf*, Chapter I, The Mind of God
The Blade of Grass and The Footprint of The Calf, Chapter VII, The Fall of Man & Resurrection – The
Sons of Cain & The Spirit of Abel

¹⁹ *Rahu* The Dragon's Head. The harsh astrological energy that [working with Saturn (Shani) breaks down the
barriers we build up around ourselves in attempt to protect ourselves from pain but which serve to insulate
and separate us from life and spirit, and which barriers must be broken down before we can begin the process
of redemption of spirit and transformation. Before we redeem we must stand naked and innocent before
God again.

²⁰ *Mahadasha* The particular planet or planetary influence that, according to Jyotish (Vedic Spiritual Astrology),
rules a native's chart for a specific time.

8. The Christ Mass Tree (The Burning Bush)

THE CHRIST MASS TREE²¹
(THE BURNING BUSH)

I see, I think, the tree of God
I see, I think, it glow
It glows within, it glows without
It is the tree of light

One Leaf atop, one leaf alone
Glow to eye without
The tree itself, its other leaves
All glow to eye within

I switch them on
The leaves, the tree
I switch them on
Not God

I use no hand to touch a switch
There is no switch to touch
I look, I see with eye within
With eye within I switch

I switch one leaf
Two leaves on top, they light
The tree assumes its shape
From topmost leaf on down

But then I see with eye without
And I can switch no more
I try, I try - with love I try
But eye without can't switch

This dream I dreamt, this tree of light
in house of friend of sympathy
But what is dream and what is real?
And what is house of friend?

The dream is mine
But I'm God's dream
The tree, the body of Christ
The dream in house of friend

The eye without seeks eye within
Again to light more leaf
But not tonight, no more tonight

²¹ *The Blade of Grass and The Footprint of The Calf*, Chapter III, Ineffability

The innocent eye has fled

But legacy has he left
And promise, too, of more
For eye without knows eye within
him innocent desire will lend
If patiently he seeks and faith
To see whole tree of light

Raymond Reichman-Israelsohn
Stellenbosch
10th January 1999

To Bernard & Liz Brom
In whose house of friend,
I slept and dreamt God's dream,
With Love.

9 Mottled Light

MOTTLED LIGHT²²

From a place of mottled darkness
 Mottled light I see
 The Sufi's "Magic Shadow-Show,"
 In Rubaiyat "Box whose Candle is the Sun²³ ..."

From a place of magic ignorance
 The magic I observe
 The Tarot Magus²⁴, The Yogic Maya²⁵
 Where Kabbalist²⁶ and Sufi²⁷ kiss
 Above the warring Semite hiss

Through mottled light, I see
 The Physicist's brilliant blindness
 As in the labyrinth he seeks
 And finds..., but wisdom eludes
 As "God does not play dice"²⁸

²² *The Blade of Grass and The Footprint of the Calf*, Chapter VI, The Physical Body, the Physical Universe

²³ *The Sufi's Magic Shadow Show*

*For in and out, above, about, below,
 'Tis nothing but a magic Shadow-show,
 Play'd in a Box whose candle is the Sun,
 Round which we Phantom Figures come and go
 From: The Rubaiyat of Omar Khayam (A Sufi work)*

²⁴ *The Tarot Magus* The first card of the Major Arcana of the Tarot, the Magician, with his hat of infinity, and his magic wand of finite manifestation out of the infinite.

²⁵ *The Yogic Maya* The Vedic principle of maya: The subjective actuality of a perceived object; the illusion of reality subjectively conferred on imagination and thus constituting the perceived universe: You and I being supported by a chair. The atoms of the chair are, however, constituted only of pulsations of energy or consciousness - as indeed are our own bodies and everything else in the entire cosmos.

²⁶ *Kabbalist and Sufi* The higher spiritual awareness and expression transcendent. Practised at a level above that of conventional non-transcendent religiosity. These expressions at that elevated level reach uniformly for pure infinite consciousness, for One Undivided God, without competition and which leaves behind the ignorance and self-immolation. At that level, although each spiritual expression and search for God proceeds from and is informed by a different cultural source and practise, the unanimous psyche is a realization of the resonance of their respective focuses, a respect for the honest differences of the earlier roads and a camaraderie for their common goal: Kabbalist transcending conventional non-transcendent Judaism and Sufi transcending conventional non-transcendent Islam. As much as the Semitic brothers of Ishmael (Islam) and Isaac (Judaism) are irreconcilable enemies at the lower level, the happy opposite resonates at the higher level, a purer and maturer brotherhood.

²⁷ *Sufi* See 'Kabbalist & Sufi' above

²⁸ *God does not play dice* Albert Einstein's famous comment of frustration regarding the inexplicable uncertainties and probabilities of Quantum Physics.

I see the Quarks²⁹ as Mesons³⁰ dance
And do not separate
While electrons spin up and down
And molecular Maya³¹ enhance
So what? The Yogi³² quietly whispers
Now close your eyes and see!

Emerge from labyrinth, and from box
And from the karmic³³ sea
Emerge from mottled darkness
And see the sweet surrender
The opposite which it be

Raymond Reichman-Israelsohn
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Plettenberg Bay, South Africa
20th January 2000

To Kees & Nonie Groenendijk
From the top of whose house at dawn
The sea gives birth to the sun
With love and thanks
Raymond & Cynthia

²⁹ *Quarks & Mesons* Subatomic 'particles' Quarks are never seen in isolation, only in triplets or pairs. Quark and anti-quark pairs are known as mesons, and it is mesons that hold the atomic nuclei together. The mesons appear out of nothing, but virtually immediately disappear. The 'particles' appear and disappear almost immediately. The time that the particle exists is related to Planck's constant.

³⁰ *Mesons* See 'Quarks' ⁷ above

³¹ *molecular Maya* See yogic maya ³ above: Mayic magic at the molecular level as the atoms congregate into materiality and concrete 'reality' under the direction of infinite consciousness.

³² *The Yogi* An expert proponent of the Science of Yoga. Not the physical Hatha Yoga but rather the Yoga of Meditation, of transcendence through meditation and of imbuing one's thoughts, knowledge and actions with the deeper and finer 'properties' of the transcendent.

³³ *Karma* Action; action and its reaction; cause and effect

10 Exalted Retrograde Sukra (Venus) : God's Desire

EXALTED RETROGRADE SUKRA³⁴ (VENUS) GOD'S DESIRE³⁵

I desire ...
What?
I desire ...
Who desires?
I desire ... to know who desires.

Before the desires of this body, what desires?
Before the desires of this body, who desired?
After the desires of this body ...?

Before anything,
When there was nothing....
Can 'nothing' desire ...?
nothing can't, but Nothing can,
Nothing desired to know Itself.

When Nothing desired Self-Knowing,
Where was it?
It was Here, but was also There,
And Dimension was born,
Space, ether, *akasha*³⁶.

When Nothing desired Self-Knowing,
When was it?
It was Then, but it is also Now,
And Time was born,
Simultaneously.

But why? *Vicara*³⁷? Why?
If Nothing is nothing, why?
But Nothing is not nothing,
It is, but It is also Everything,
In the one instant, Here, and There.

And Nothing-Everything has nothing,
But it also has *sankalpa*³⁸, desire.
And what is its *sankalpa*, and what is its desire?

³⁴ *Sukra* Sanskrit name for Venus (Sweetness?)

³⁵ *The Blade of Grass and the Footprint of the Calf*, Chapter II, Desire

³⁶ *Akasha* Purest, innocent space, devoid of anything save for the 'dimension' – space separating subject (rishi) and object (chandas), empty save for the experience by the subject of its object (devata).

³⁷ *Vicara* Soul-searching. Enquiry into the self – mindfully, intellectually, intuitively, heartfully. Enquiry into self-nature. Why? And refusal to alight at any station before the terminus.

³⁸ *Sankalpa* Desire, or the seed of desire - notion, thought, idea, concept; seed of ideation

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Omniscient. Omnipotent
Infinite Self-Infinite knowing.

And God said, *'Let there be light ...'*

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Johannesburg
2nd July 2000

11 The Nix, The Dad, The Love

THE NIX, THE DAD, THE LOVE³⁹ The Heart, The Mind, The Resonance ... On Departing for Spain

And now, my darling daughter
You are off,
To return, ...when?
To experience, ...what?
My flesh is torn
Yet I encourage the tearing
Again, the paradox that proves the truth

What is important to say?
What is true to say?
Without pomposity, pontification, hypocrisy
With feet of clay
What transcends this?
What is True, with humility
And lost in the Love?

Silence?
Yes, but I need to express my love
So long as I have this body,
"I shall not abandon appropriate action"

I look at your *Janma Kundali*
What do I see for this lifetime?
You chose me as your father
I chose you as my daughter
It is enough!
Yet I look some more

A noble⁴⁰ Sun, great friend and strong
A noble Moon, friend and queen⁴¹ to potent king
A Self⁴² and Mind⁴³ to find the way
And walk it nobly
A King and Queen⁴¹ to stand constant
in the changing tides and waves of relativity

A Self and Mind you have to

³⁹ *The Blade of Grass and The Footprint of the Calf*, Chapter III, Ineffability

⁴⁰ *Noble* Of exalted (rather than debilitated) dignity in spiritual astrological (Jyotish) terms

⁴¹ *King & Queen* The Sun & the Moon depicting the royal couple of Self & Mind of the Native in an astrological birth chart (Janma Kundali). In this case the chart of my darling daughter

⁴² *Self* The Self of the Native (my darling daughter) of the astrological chart as depicted by the Sun in her chart

⁴³ *Mind* Mind and feelings of the Native as depicted by the Moon in her chart

be Master, not slave
to Maya's polarity and illusory power
A Master to harmonize the screech
and transform the base into nobility
To reconcile the polarity
and find the truth in paradox
In this lifetime

There is more, so much more...
My darling daughter

The Dad
Emmarentia, Johannesburg
30th November 2000

Continuation...

Hold in mind always
That your Sun is very strong
And an exalted Great Friend,
And that the Sun is the self,
The essential expression of God
through you in this incarnation.

Therefore, whatever we read,
with inner eye, in your incarnation,
Know that you have the centre,
in this lifetime,
to receive the strength of storm,
and make that strength your own,
And then to use that strength,
You now own,
And sculpt it to your taste.

And similarly too, your Chandra Moon,
Less strong, but Friend,
And loving Queen and Mind
to Surya King.

Please hold in mind always,
This royal and noble marriage
in your chart,
As we proceed to read and search,
Your purpose and your destiny.

Your Guru⁴⁴ is in the world⁴⁵,

⁴⁴ *Guru* Sanskrit name for planet Jupiter, the planetary characteristic energy for spirituality, destiny, abundance and Natural Law

⁴⁵ *World* The Seventh House of Vedic Spiritual Astrology (Jyotish): The world (the universe) as object as experienced (indeed as manifest) by the Native in the Astrological Birth Chart (i.e. all of us individually and jointly); the diverse innumerable many objects of perception constituting the

And all your stars are homeward bound.
If the pain, that's why the pain.
Pain is God's rudder,
To turn you homeward bound,
To Him.
We do not do it otherwise.

To continue ... ⁴⁶

world as object as perceived by the one self as subject perceiving such objects. Also, the House of Desire, of Wife, of Partner – anything opposite to the one subject self. Eve relative to Adam, as also the apple perceived and tasted and the desire driving it all.

⁴⁶ *To be continued...* Stars in 8th to 12th → Home to Self, I'll take you through them all.

No stars in 2nd to 6th → The journey out from Self to world: The senses to the world and its material objects.
Guru in 7th : Mundane/ husband

12 Hello, The Nix...

HELLO, THE NIX ...

The London studio, tablau, restaurant is exciting
Forget the law, man-made law
Adopt THE LAW, God's Law, Nature's Law
Don't adopt It, merge into It, merge It into you
Meditate, and do what feels right
Meditate, and do only what you love
Forget the consequence - if you love it, do it
Do it for the love of it, not for the fruits of it

The irony is, the paradox is, and therefor The Truth is
If you do it for The Love of It, only for the Love of It
And leave 'consequence' and 'fruit' to God
You will love the consequence and you will love the fruit
Although they are not yours

But indeed they are yours
Provided you did not intend it so
And God shares them with you
provided you do not claim it
Because He is You
And You are He
And there is no separation
And therefor it is not a sharing
...Provided you did not intend it and do not claim it

God only asks that you love what you do
With a deep and boundless passion
With a passion so deep and so boundless
that it transcends you and touches God
And with it and through it
you transcend you, and You touch God

But only if the passion is boundless
Like my love for you
But only if the passion is innocent
Like my love for you
Free of consequence, free of fruit

Dance with innocent passion
Dance for God
Dance for You
Dance for Love and get lost in the Love
... It is the meditation of action

"...earning decent money as a solicitor..."
Indeed, but is it you?
Is it You?

Does it expand your heart to infinity?
"...pay (me) back ..."
Indeed, for what?
For loving you?
The debt is too huge
So huge that it disappears
So valuable that it is invaluable
You cannot pay it back
It is not yours to pay

But, Nix, now I must get back to my "solicitor work", and "earn some decent money"
(hypocrite).

The Dad
Emmarentia
15th January 2001

13 The Mind of God

THE MIND OF GOD⁴⁷

I think I see the Mind of God
I think I see a glimpse

I asked, I prayed, I cried:
“Show me your Mind, Dear God!
A boon, a boon, one boon
Only one, Dear God, no more”

I cried in pain... real tears.
No one saw, all saw
They did not know my quest
They saw only the wounded lion⁴⁸

Some pitied, some ate of my flesh
All were embarrassed
But they did not understand
They did not know my prayer

They did not know
Nor I
That in my act of asking
Lay the seed of His granting

And in my meditation I rose
Up through the clouds I rose
Into a light
And gently uttered “Master”

Then I returned to Earth
And cried some more
Real tears
...And now I cry in memory
...And also now in gratitude

I think I see the Mind of God
I think I see a glimpse

Raymond Reichman-Israelsohn
Emmarentia
14th January 2001

The Boon (The Mind of God) Extended...

And God took me by the hand
Although I did not know it
“You crave a boon?” He said

⁴⁷ *The Blade of Grass and the Footprint of the Calf*, Chapter 1

⁴⁸ *wounded lion* The author, a Leo (in terms of Houses in Vedic Spiritual Astrology). That is to say the author's First House, his Ascendant, is in the Sign of the Zodiac known as Leo (or Simha in Sanskrit)

“I grant such boons” He said

“Although you do not know it
I asked the boon, not you
Although you do not know it
I tilled your soil to sprout the seed

My tiller caused your pain
Your pain that craved the boon
And your pain is My pain
We are not separate

And now the pain will cleanse you”
He said – although I did not know it
“Be brave, my son” He said.
And this, I think, I heard

So I took God’s hand, and walked
And I hold it still, and meditate
But I do not cling
The touch is gentle
I cannot cling to Self

I think I see the Mind of God
I think I see a glimpse

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Emmarentia
14th January 2001

14 Confronting a Weakness

Confronting a Weakness

My Dear, Dear Nix

It is 3.40 am and I have woken
What is it that worries me?
What is my anxiety?
It is my flaw, my flaw is my anxiety

Not the only one, I'm sure
But the one that in the flow of life
Today has ripened and presents itself
For purification in my evolution to Christ.

"The purpose of God's plan for man is not an endless series of rebirths. The divine scheme is to afford man countless opportunities to use his free choice and discrimination to distinguish between body and soul"⁴⁹, ..."

To then to see the body and its senses
Only in the context of the soul
Purely so
To serve the soul
Which in its turn serves only God
The true "identity in Spirit"

And so I am afforded today the opportunity
To focus on this flaw
And to use my Free Will
For better and for good, ...for God
Which is my true identity in Spirit
There is no separation

What is the flaw?
Why am I writing to you?
And not analysing it myself alone
Before sharing it?

Because I think we share the flaw
You and me, my darling daughter
Perhaps we share the karma
And you inherited thus from me

Yesterday I indulged the flaw again
And on the same day, yesterday
I wrote to you on a subject caused
by our karmic flaw, we share

Action, not inspired by Dharma⁵⁰
But motivated by pathetic desire

⁴⁹ (Commentaries on the Bhagavad Gita by Yogananda Chapter 2, verse 52, pg 293)

⁵⁰ *Dharma* Destiny (Sanskrit)

to please another flawed body.
Pathetic because it seeks to ingratiate
To want to be liked.

Yesterday I did exactly what you did
On the subject on which I addressed you:
I indulged a client's request for credit
against his promise to adjust within the week...

Will he do so?
If he doesn't ...?
The consequence in material terms can be accommodated,
A painful material loss but can be accommodated.

But the possibility of material loss
Is only the *material* stinging factor
In a larger perspective there is a loss
which is constant and remains
whether or not his promise is kept

Whatever the outcome
I should not have granted the credit
The client was not entitled to it
The client did not deserve it
Self-honesty demands I acknowledge
my pathetic motivation

And this is not the first time, Nici
Too many of my actions have been
To please and to impress
And to be liked and to be admired

But perhaps this is the last time?
I think it may be
The fact that I am expressing this, ...to you
The fact that on the same day I wrote to you – coincidence?

If it is the last time
That will be, not because I fear the material loss
But because I fear much larger
I fear the action unworthy of my true identity in Spirit

I hope, I pray, I crave a boon
That I have grasped my opportunity, not squandered it
That I have confronted my flaw
That I have thus grown, evolved a step closer to Christ.

My client is not to blame
My client is not unworthy of the trust
My client is an agent of God
Carrying an opportunity to me, also an agent of God

And the materiality, or fear of material loss
is also merely the agent within the relative plane
To experience bodily on the relative plane
the loss as shadow of the larger loss when
action is not resonant with Dharma.

But is there loss?
Is there not perhaps gain?
Was the (fear of) material loss not merely the agency
to afford the opportunity for gain?
Infinitely larger

And so God woke me at 3.40 am
His school hours obey no convention
And the bell rang
And we lined up

*With Infinite Love,
From the Dad to his Nix
... at 3.40 am in the morning
Emmarentia
2001*

15 My Demon

MY DEMON⁵¹

This morning in meditation
In the dark before dawn
I manifested abject terror
Not fear, not trepidation; terror
My face, my mouth pulled taut
My face, an icon mask of terror

My skin vibrated and shone
I sought a Master and a Path
But a demon approached my door
I could not see him, he had no form
I could only sense him
And I froze... Dear God, I froze

Was it a demon? Are there demons?
No, I know there are not
Demons are archetypes
Who writhe in our subconscious
Demons are but the children of fear

I know, I know that my own fear
is the demon itself
I know, I know that I must destroy
I know, I know that I must confront

Courage
What is my dharma?⁵²
I need to know, I need to be certain
It is my strength, Jnana Yoga⁵³
But is also my weakness
Is the fledgling certain when it falls
First time from the nest?

I seek to leap in faith
But I cannot do that in terror
In a fear of the unknown, yes
But not in a paralyzing terror

⁵¹ *The Blade of Grass & The Footprint of The Calf*, Chapter X, Jyotish & Meaning, Transformation & Enlightenment

⁵² *Dharma* *Destiny* (Sanskrit)

⁵³ *Jnana Yoga* The Yoga of Intellect. That is the practice in life of stretching for communion with the infinity of Divine Oneness along the path of Intellect. The practice and technique of using the intellect to seek the Kingdom of God beyond the intellect. Compare with Karma Yoga (the Yoga of Action), Bhakti Yoga (the Yoga of Devotion). Hatha Yoga is a form of preparation of the body in order to prepare it for the *Royal* yoga of communion – of meditation in pursuit of communion. One of the six systems of Vedic philosophy and being the practical means to refine embodied mankind's perception in order to paradoxically 'see' the Infinitely unseeable.

I know the terror is of my mind,
I know the demon is of my mind
I know that in God's Garden
I am master of my mind
There is no terror
There are no demons

Deep in that experience I
did not remember
My mind projected its demon and
I expected him
Where then, was my Sankhya⁵⁴ grasp
And my courage born from wisdom?

My demon was unexpected
and I was ill prepared
In my fear I sensed all the
Kabalistic⁵⁵ cautions
Admonitions against proceeding
without a master

But how do I prepare myself?
All my meditation, all my Jnana Yoga
All my prayer and work
And yet when the moment came
I remembered not a jot of my Jnana
I forgot that the demon
was my own vasana⁵⁶
my perceived object, my own mirage
And I was terrified of my own creation

Did I fail this test?
Was it a test?
Was it a sign?
I didn't lack a hand to hold
That would make it too easy
Self referral, self confident and self reliant
I was not ready

How should I proceed in my

⁵⁴ *Sankhya* Another of the six systems of Vedic philosophy that sees the existence of the world in its inherent dichotomy of subject and object, the intercourse of the polarities, and the levels of the perception of the object from its grossest to its sublime transcendent.

⁵⁵ *Kabalistic* The spiritual overreach of conventional Judaism that stretches to touch the transcendent Divine in meditative and other practices. Like Sufi's spiritual overreach of conventional Islam, and Mystical Christianity's overreach of conventional Christianity.

⁵⁶ *Vasana* An image. The mind's perception by the subject of the image of the object, on which the subject is focusing. The creation of the reality of an object to the mind of the subject by the latter perceiving its notional object as a concrete reality separate from it as subject. En passant, in my opinion, the core of the Semitic hostility to religious imagery.

paralysis if the dragon returns ?
Will I prepare myself with Jnana?
Find the courage in wisdom?
In patience?

If I am coward why am I not ashamed?
A demon cannot exist in Love
In sat⁵⁷, in knowledge, in wisdom
The visit was a station on the Path

I will build my *sat*⁶
Patiently, and with Faith
Knowledge that my preparation
Is not armouring, but disrobing
Shattering of mold
Innocent nakedness before God in Faith

Naked in God's Garden there are no demons

Raymond Reichman-Israelsohn
Emmarentia
23rd May 2001

⁵⁷ *Sat* Purity of balance and creation, perception without attachment, balance between motivation of desire in creation and attachment to the object of creation and its perceived fruits. The Infinite Consciousness in its purity and innocence, unobstructed and untainted in any way by ego, and as such manifesting and expressing the infinite in the finite (and vice versa) with clarity and bliss.

16 Cynthia

'D' CYNTHIA

We have been together on our birthdays
for more than half our lifetimes
For me it is the better half, and
I would not want it otherwise

While I wish you happy birthday
I do not do it selflessly
For we shall be sharing the day
You will not be alone

Not for any part of it alone
I shall be there with you
All of the day
And all of me

Therefore your happy birthday
Is my happy day too
And many more to come
Is also many more for me

May you have a wonderful day, Darling!

Your loving husband,

The Other 'D'
Emmarentia,
27th April 2001

17 The Heart Attack

The Heart Attack

You are having a heart attack
they said; ...and then the angels came

I will never forget **Jane's** eyes
They will be with me always
English, very English, like her accent
She was just doing her job
But her eyes cared
And I looked deep into her eyes
And I held her hand
And in all the pain it was sweet
It was nursing at the Transcendental Level

I will never forget **Tendike's** beauty
It will be with me always
I opened my eyes and I thought
"What a beautiful woman, what grace"
Then Tendike nursed me
She was just doing her job
But Tendike can do no other job
God made her for this job
It is her dharma, her destiny
And her Grace and her beauty comes
from a deeper Source
And from her resonance with that Source
And from her resonance with her dharma
And I kissed her hands
And in all the pain it was sweet
It was nursing at the Transcendental Level

There were other hands, I kissed
Whose names I cannot recall
Or perhaps do not even know
And they also nursed me
With competence and with love
Tendike was not alone
And I mention the nameless others
With gratitude and with love
No less than Tendike
But God assigned me to Tendike
the day after the operation

And then I was healing
And I was gaining strength
And I was able to look out on the world
And just observe
And I lay and I observed **Hanemarie**

as she went about her duties

She was just doing her job
A Child; such innocence!
“...*the kingdom of heaven belongs
to such as these.*”

And **Daniella** from Romania
In whose eyes I saw her own pain
as she strived to relieve the pain of others

In a few hours the Sun will rise
And I will leave this Twelfth House of Confinement
And I will return to the world – the world of
the “tax collectors” and of the lawyers
and of all the others who are just doing their job
And as I do so I am healed in body
But I am also healed in spirit
I was nursed in my body
But I was also nursed in my spirit
It was nursing at the Transcendental Level.

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Johannesburg
20th September 2001
(Spring equinox)

Expression of my gratitude fulfils me
Yet remains incomplete
Even angels must be led
And must have logistical support
My observations as I lay gathering strength
Included just such a leader at a distance
in the centre of the room around which
the Love manifested
It was only later, after my incomplete expression
That serendipity conspired the direct meeting
of our eyes and minds, and I should know her name
Nicolene, thus brings fulfilment at the head
And elsewhere, out of sight but not of mind,
the body of logistical support.

18 The Opportunity

The Opportunity⁵⁸

*Why do you stay in prison
when the door is so wide open?
Rumi, Sufi Poet*

The opportunity is here!
May I, may you, may we all
Exercise our free-will
And grasp the Moment...
...But then **let it go**
Immediately!
Don't hold onto it
Don't let the "grasping of the Moment"
Become a grasping *beyond* the moment
Love it and let it go
Don't let the grasping become an attachment
Attachment is the ignorance
The seed of grief, saturnine grief
Don't hold the seed of grief
There is Nothing to hold
We can't hold God
It is an illusion
If we are ignorant enough to try
God becomes judaism
He becomes islam, He becomes christianity
He becomes all the names
That man uses to try and cage God
Instead imprisons himself
... Then worships in ignorance the empty cage
... And worse

*Why do you stay in prison
when the door is so wide open?*

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Emmarentia
8th June 2002 & 27th September 2003*

⁵⁸ *The Blade of Grass and The Footprint of The Calf*, Chapter VII, The Fall of Man & Resurrection – *Cain & The Spirit of Abel*

19 Chatting

Nixi Pix · Chatting

Saturday 8th June 2002

Like you, Nix, I seek
I do not have the answers
I merely share my seeking
with you, another seeker.

Does life have meaning?
I seek it
Logic tells me it does
Intuition whispers also
And so does my preference.

Even if life does not have meaning
the mere pretence that it does is
preferable to accepting that it doesn't
Without meaning, we do not continue this dialogue
It wouldn't have started

Why do we seek meaning?
It affords pleasure,
It affords fulfilment.
Just feel it, isn't it obvious?

It is our destiny, our dharma
Each of us individually
And all of us jointly
Who am I?
Who are we?
And why?

Each is different, but also the same
Each is the same, but also different
Different and the same are polarities
Within the world of polarities
And search for meaning brings
reconciliation of the opposites

There is no fulfilment until we find meaning
Each one of us, our individual meanings
But we find our individual meanings only
within the Cosmic Meaning
as resonant harmonious part thereof
Individual meaning is cosmic meaning
Without division, separation, duality

How do we find meaning, destiny, dharma?
Intellectually? Yes, but not on its own

Intuitively? Yes but not on its own
Are intellect and intuition opposites?
If yes, they must be reconciled
If not, they must be harmonised
and synergized effortlessly
Seamlessly

Deepest Wisdom
Highest Achievement
Exalted Desire
Blissful fulfillment
Mature nobility

Our answers lie in transcendence
The higher we aim with our questions
Includes all answers below that level
Seek ye the Kingdom of God
and all else shall be added unto ye
Transcendence becomes immanence
...reconciled effortlessly
seamlessly

We are not counseled to 'find'
Just to 'Seek'
The finding is in the seeking
Seek and ye shall find

And the occult wisdom
Is to seek not an answer to a question
But the philosopher's stone
The infinite answer ineffably transcendent
Reconciling all questions embodied finite
Clamour stilled... silent quiescence

But en route we do not ignore the lesser questions
Until we attain that blessed Christlike state
We still must confront the lesser questions
In their individuality
As best we can

Self-searching
Self-honesty
Self-referral
Self-Realization
There is no other

Your Divinity within you
Is no less than my Divinity within me
More than "no less"
They are the same
They are One

There is no separation
I have no answer that is different to yours
I have no answer that is wiser than yours
More mature than yours
At the level I address you
You are not my daughter
I am not older than you
Our Souls are equal
And I address you as such
And I love you as such

Nici, my daughter, my baby, my love
It pours out of me, it bubbles forth
I cannot stop it...

The Moment, the Eternity
They are one
The same
The difference is illusion
They reconcile each other's polarity
If we live in the Moment
We live in Eternity
The Eternal Moment

I want to write to you about relationships
About marriage, solitude, celibacy,
The monk seeking God in innocent search
Not the priest abusing a child in his care
The reconciliation of marriage and solitude
Harmonious both
Not throwing out the baby with the bathwater

You had the courage to do it before
This does not mean you must do the same now
But whatever you do, even if the opposite
the same courage will apply
But always, always within Selfish self-referral
which is the reconciled opposite of selfishness
meditatively, intuitively, spontaneously, effortlessly,
when it feels right, when it feels You.

With so much love to the Nix from the Dad that it hurts,
With a pain I embrace in joy

The Dad
Emmarentia
8th June 2002

20 The Blessed Jyotish Mirror

THE BLESSED JYOTISH⁵⁹ MIRROR

Looking at my soul⁶⁰ for this lifetime

The astrological Birth Chart on which this poem is based may be found at the end of the poem

My *Sun*⁶¹ is exalted like my Soul
And *strong*⁶² to withstand the pain
The pain of this lifetime of *transformation*⁶³
Transformation through *vulnerability*⁶⁴

And for that reason too
My Divinity placed my Sun to
*Lord*⁶⁵ my *ascendant*⁶⁶ *leonine*⁶⁷ *first*
While occupying my *destined ninth*⁶⁸

⁵⁹ *Jyotish* The spiritual astrology of the ancient Vedic Wisdom

⁶⁰ *Soul* The proper, knowledgeable, mature use of Jyotish is akin to looking in a spiritual mirror in order to see our souls. As the DNA molecule is the essence of our physical bodies for this lifetime, so our Vedic Astrological Birth Charts (Janma Kundali's) is the DNA of our souls and astral bodies for this lifetime. As we peer at our DNA under a microscope, so we peer at our Birth Charts.

⁶¹ *Sun* The astrological planetary energy resonance and significator of our individual selves in incarnation for a lifetime. The self, the ego, the intellect.

⁶² *Strong* The astrological strength of a planetary energy in a particular lifetime as indicated by the astrological birth chart. The Sun is strong in the Author's chart

⁶³ *Transformation* In my own reading of my own astrological birth chart (Janma Kundali) I understand the primary theme and destiny of this lifetime to be transformation – a lifetime of transformation. This is confirmed by a review in retrospect of this lifetime. Relative to the chart, we see Rahu (the planetary significator for Transformation and its degrees of strength and exaltation and its position and aspects, etc) and we see the Eighth House (the domicile significator for Transformation with its paradigm). Relative to the review of this lifetime, this remains personally intuited and intellected unless expressed in autobiography.

⁶⁴ *Vulnerability* As just mentioned, the astrological Eighth House is the domicile significator for transformation. The same house is also the domicile for vulnerability. Vulnerability is the necessary precursor for transformation. Without vulnerability in a personality there can be no transformation. The Eighth House is the domicile for vulnerability and transformation.

⁶⁵ *Lord* Each planetary energy (the Sun also being described as a planet) is a lord of one (in the cases of the Sun and the Moon) or two astrological houses. The lordship of the twelve astrological houses is determined by which of the twelve respective signs of the Zodiac principally occupies each house because the planetary lordship is actually of the Zodiac sign (as opposed to the house) and such lordship becomes naturally allocated to the house principally occupied. In my birth chart as shown Leo principally occupies my first house; the Sun lords Leo and therefore also lords my first house.

⁶⁶ *Ascendant* The first astrological house is known as the Ascendant as it is determined by the ascending rising Sun at dawn at the moment of birth. The Sun, as mentioned, is the astrological planetary energy resonance and significator of our individual selves in incarnation for a lifetime – the self. The rising Sun at dawn signifies the birthing self for this lifetime in embodied incarnation.

⁶⁷ *Leonine* Leo, the astrological sign of Leo (*Rashi* of *Simha*, in Sanskrit)

⁶⁸ *Destined Ninth* The ninth astrological house is the house of destiny.

Imbued with the focus of the *emerging ram*⁶⁹
Whose *warrior*⁷⁰ *lord glares hostile*⁷¹ from *Saturn's seventh*⁷²

And so, in the *uncomfortable glare*⁷³ of his *warrior host*⁷⁴
Warlike from the *worldly seventh*⁷⁵
My exalted Sun must needs be
look away from the seventh world
Towards his own illumination
*Radiant*⁷⁶ from his place of destined ninth,
Towards his own ascendant first.

And what does he, my Sun, illumine there,
In that ascendant first?
His own lion, the king of beasts
Playing host to *Cynthia*⁷⁷, his lunar queen
Who is blessed to share it with generous *Guru*⁷⁸
Who himself takes pause for *mature review*⁷⁹

And all this primal emergence moves

⁶⁹ *Emerging Ram* The Ram is the icon of Aries, the first sign of the Zodiac. As Aries is the first sign it is also considered emerging. In my chart Aries principally occupies my ninth House of Destiny, which thus is imbued with the spirit of Aries.

⁷⁰ *Warrior (and Lord)* Mars is the 'Warrior Planet'; the soldier and military commander in chief. (Kashatriya in Sanskrit) The planet of action and courage; but also anger, hostility and accident, dependent on its degree of exaltation or debilitation. Mars is the lord of Aries and thus (see 11 above) is also the lord of my 'Destined Ninth' house.

⁷¹ *Glares Hostile* Within the spectrum between the state of exaltation and that of debilitation, my Mars is 'inimical'. Its activities within my life in this lifetime are experienced in hostility as it looks out from its domicile in the Seventh House (see 14 below) particularly at the houses (being the dimensions) of life it aspects ('looks at' or drishti in Sanskrit) which includes the First House (Ascendant) of Self.

⁷² *Saturn's Seventh* Saturn, the planet of the harshness of relative life as experienced from the notional or mayic separation of duality – grief, hard work, old age, separation itself and death. Seventh, the Seventh House of Desire (or perhaps more accurately, enslavement to desire); the Seventh House of the world being our manifestation of our desires, our sankalpa's; the Seventh House of the object, we being the First House of the subject perceiving our object (our world); the House of Spouse; the House of Diversity in polarity to the oneness of our First House of Self. In my chart Saturn is the lord of my Seventh House

⁷³ *Uncomfortable glare* The experience of being the object of attention from a hostile Mars. An inimical Mars looking at (drishti or aspecting) the First House of Self.

⁷⁴ *Warrior Host* See ¹⁵ above

⁷⁵ *Worldly Seventh* See ¹⁴ above

⁷⁶ *Radiant* Exalted and of radiant avastha (state of awareness and expression)

⁷⁷ *Cynthia* Goddess of the Moon in Greek mythology (and name of my wife in this incarnation)

⁷⁸ *Guru (generous)* Guru, Sanskrit name for Jupiter; also a spiritual teacher. The generous, abundant, wise and gentle foil to harsh Saturn

⁷⁹ *Mature Review* A planet in (apparently) retrograde motion may be considered to have taken time out, so to speak, temporarily stepped off the treadmill, so to speak, in order to take stock of itself. This quietly contemplative state of a planet affords the planet a wiser, maturer and stronger perspective (as such an exercise affords an individual who does likewise). My Guru or Jupiter is retrograde. Hence, also 'contemplative Guru.' A planet when retrograde appears also closer to Earth

out from Venus' *Lunar Mansions*⁸⁰
 My Ascendant birth
 My Lunar Queen
 My Contemplative Guru²¹
 And the flag of *Drishtaketu*⁸¹
 All from the consciousness of Sweet Venus

So, in search of self-discovery
 Let's seek this sweet hostess
 From whose Lunar Mansions
 my primal self steps forth²²:
 Desire and propagation
 Of utmost *exaltation*⁸²
 And *greatest strength*⁴
 Desire, the primal stir in
 God's own breast to
 move Creation itself
 And then removed from Adam's breast
 to its separate embodiment in Eve
 Desire – to drive the angels and mankind
 Beauty, harmony, and this very poetry itself

And *Ketu*²³
 Mature, wise, Ketu in *mooltrikon*⁸³
 Patiently awaiting the true seeker
 Purified from *Rahu*⁸⁴

⁸⁰ *Lunar Mansions* Nakshatra's in Sanskrit. The 27 divisions of the Moon's monthly ecliptic cycle as compared to the Sun's 12 divisions annual cycle. My Ascendant ('primal emergence') moves out from a lunar mansion (nakshatra called Purva Phalguni) of which Venus is the lord.

⁸¹ *Flag of Drishtaketu* Ketu (the Sanskrit name for the astronomical south node of the Moon and known in western astrology as 'The Dragon's Tail') is the planetary energy for enlightenment. Drishti or drsti is Sanskrit 'to look at'. In Jyotish when a planet looks at another it is called drishti ('aspect' in western astrology). Drishtaketu is one of the military combatants mentioned in the battle eulogized in the Bhagavad Gita. An analysis of the name Drishtaketu could be to look at Ketu – to look to enlightenment. This is particularly so in view of another meaning for Ketu being a flag, a chief or a leader and 'brightness and clearness of intellect and judgment.' On the battlefield of life (kurukshetra of the Bhagavad Gita, see 28 below) Ketu (enlightenment) is the flag or banner – the rallying point or goal of destiny's evolutionary forces. In my chart Guru in the Ascendant First looks out to Ketu in my Fifth House of Knowledge, and Ketu reciprocates and looks right back at my Ascendant First House occupied by the Moon (mind) and Guru.

⁸² *Utmost Exaltation* My Venus is in almost utmost point of exaltation.

⁸³ *Mooltrikon* The penultimate degree of exaltation; just below exaltation itself.

⁸⁴ *Rahu* The counterpoint or soulmate of Ketu. The north node of the Moon. In western astrology it is called 'The Dragon's Head'. It is a major archetype of the subconscious prevalent in most if not all cultures and represents our demons (our frightening fire breathing demons), our 'legitimate suffering' that we must confront and master if we are to shatter our self imposed prisons, release our inappropriate baggage and emerge free and light to enable us to grow and evolve effortlessly and blissfully to enlightenment... as is our destiny. If we confront the Dragon's Head (Rahu), we are transformed into consciousness to enable the Dragon's Tail (Ketu) to confer enlightenment.

The final sanctification – *secret and humble*⁸⁵
One last step to God
Drishtaketu in *Kurukshetra*⁸⁶
The flag to rally ultimate direction
In the battle field of life
The North Star, the compass of God
To guide the soul's true return
By north, and home to the Sun

And where, within this Kurukshetra
Resides hidden Ketu and sweet Venus?
Ketu of hidden secrecy and liberation
in the 5th House of knowledge
*Jnana Yoga*⁸⁷ and *Sankhya*⁸⁸

Unfinished... (it never is)

Raymond Reichman-Israelsohn
Emmarentia
2nd August 2002

Janma Kundali (Birth Chart)
Overleaf

⁸⁵ *Secret and Humble* Major characteristics of Ketu and indicative of progress on the journey to enlightenment. Secret knowledge and quiet humility.

⁸⁶ *Kurukshetra* The legendary battlefield on which the spiritual battle of the Bhagavad Gita was fought.

⁸⁷ *Jnana Yoga* The Yoga of Intellect. That is the practice in life of stretching for communion with the infinity of Divine Oneness along the path of Intellect. The practice and technique of using the intellect to seek the Kingdom of God beyond the intellect. Compare with Karma Yoga (the Yoga of Action), Bhakti Yoga (the Yoga of Devotion). Hatha Yoga is a form of preparation of the body in order to prepare it for the Royal yoga of communion – of meditation in pursuit of communion. One of the six systems of Vedic philosophy and being the practical means to refine embodied mankind's perception in order to paradoxically 'see' the Infinitely unseeable

⁸⁸ *Sankhya* Another of the six systems of Vedic philosophy that sees the existence of the world in its inherent dichotomy of subject and object, the intercourse of the polarities, and the levels of the perception of the object from its grossest to its sublime transcendent.

21 Friendship

FRIENDSHIP

Why?
Always why?
Why friendship? Why Kees?
I don't seek friendship
I didn't seek Kees' friendship
It sought me; it was ordained
A coincidence?
Synchronicity, serendipity?
Support just when I needed it
Needed it most
Why? Always why?
Good God, even why the why?
It doesn't even matter why
So what, why?
So what anything?
Friendship just is
Kees just is
And Nonie too
And Love... Love just is
Friendship too
The diverse arms of Oneness
Reaching out to embrace Itself

Raymond Reichman-Israelsohn
Milkwood Manor,
Plettenberg Bay

To: Kees E Groenendijk
On his birthday,
3rd September 2002,

22 The Divorce Lawyer

THE DIVORCE LAWYER

Reconciling God's Law with man's law

What is it that you *want*, Colleen?
That you *truly* want
Not that which gives you *excuse*
to *avoid* the *work and courage*
necessary to find what you *truly* want
What is it that you *deeply* want
In your infinite depths, In your Divine Depths?
Not superficially, not hypocritically
What is your dharma, your destiny?
Who are you, Colleen?

Meditate, Colleen, what is it that you want?
Contemplate meditatively ...intuitively
If you are blessed to find what you want
...truly, self-honestly want
You will feel the wisdom – effortless
The courage will come
...and it will not feel like courage – effortless
The energy and strength will come
...and it will not feel like work - effortless
And you will know who you are

Your present situation is God's Gift to you
To enable you to achieve that
And at the same time
to afford you the means to achieve that
God sent it...
not to punish you, but to bless you
With the Opportunity and with the Means
God knows you are ready
Although it does not feel like that to you

If you accept it, your future is your own

Concentrate on what is right for you
For you and for you alone
If you do, you will help not only yourself
You will help all who come within your radiance
It is not your destiny, or mine, to help others
It is ours to help ourselves
And effortlessly we help others
All else is hypocrisy
And excuse to avoid our necessary work
Our necessary pain and our necessary courage
Lead, and help others, by example alone

May you find from your experiences
Colleen
Courage, strength and wisdom
Ennoblement
May you find what God intends...
That He is you
Transcendent, immanent
Utterly You...

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23 Howzit, The Boo...Howzit, Dad

Howzit The Boo⁸⁹ ... Howzit Dad⁹⁰

You are my heart and my soul
You are not alone; so is The Biggs⁹¹
The Nix⁹² and The Bom⁹³
But I choose now to talk to you

It is dark but I do not sleep
So what is to do?
To find why I do not sleep
The reason, the knowledge
and the wisdom

So I meditate
And seek the Knowledge that
is the source of knowledge
Knowing which, I know everything
Why seek less?

So I meditate
And seek Wisdom
That Wisdom which is not the opposite of ignorance
But which embodies and reconciles 'ignorance'
Like God does the 'devil'

So I meditate
And I no longer wish to sleep
Ever...
My refreshment comes from Elsewhere

And I think of you
And I want to talk to you
You (and Nix) in London are no further from me
Than Biggs and Bom in Johannesburg

Do I infer you seek?
So do I
So does everyone
Particularly does the person who seems not to!

Perhaps life itself is in the seeking
Not in the finding

⁸⁹ My second son, more formally named, Julian

⁹⁰ Our customary greeting

⁹¹ My eldest son, more formally, Craig

⁹² My Eldest daughter, more formally, Nicole

⁹³ My baby daughter, more formally, Simone

And so we 'find' when we seek
And embody and reconcile
The finding in the seeking

Of what value is the finding if
we devalue the seeking?
Is the one more valuable than the other?
Do not find age... and also then
that we squandered youth
Knowledge... that we rejected Wisdom

May you seek that which is worthy of search
May you find that which, when found
Is worthy of relinquishment
Is 'found' in order to be relinquished

Enjoy your search, my son
Revel in it, and soar effortlessly with it
Is not the search freedom itself?
Enjoy our freedom

If not, we may 'find' that 'finding' is a cage
And we may find
That we want to be free of the cage
To search some more
And find that we *are* the cage
and we *are* the searching

I ask though
That you take my Love with you
Not in a bag to carry
But weightlessly and effortlessly
In your heart.

The Dad
Emmarentia
21 February 2003

24 Ode to Rahu

Ode to Rahu⁹⁴

(*On emergence from its Mahadasha*⁹⁵)⁹⁶

I emerge from my *eclipse*
To light renewed
Renewed yet the same
It is my eye that is *transformed*

During my eclipse
The light did not die
To me it was merely eclipsed
To me it offered transformation

When I first confronted my *dragon*
Eighteen full and fearsome years ago
He was an intellectual 'archetype of the subconscious'
Now he is my intimate love

And My Love has restored the light
Gently, very gently
As he knew he would
When he first breathed fire in my face

Because he was always He
Disguised in Maya, but always He
And His fire is full of Love
As full as is His redemption

And His fire is the fire of purification
Of sanctification and of sacrifice
That cleanses desire of its karma
The fire of the funeral pyre

And in the transformation
One learns to seek the polarity
And to reconcile it

⁹⁴ *Rahu* The North Node of the Moon, an astrological phenomena seen as a planet, and with the characteristics of a planet (indeed powerfully so). In western astrology known as *The Dragon's Head*, and its polarity, the South Node of the Moon, known in western astrology as The Dragon's Tail (in Jyotish and in Sanskrit, *Ketu*). Rahu's characteristics or influence is: Attachment, Rigidity, Vehemence, Passion, Ambition, and seemingly also the characteristics or influences necessary to break those very things, namely: Unexpected Events, Separation, confusion, calamity, uproar... and thus to enable a **transformation** by breaking the attachment, etc. And Rahu's polarity, Ketu (The Dragon's Tail) is the only planetary characteristic and influence for *enlightenment*. Rahu and Ketu create the *eclipses*, which are extremely symbolic and transformatory in Jyotish.

⁹⁵ *Mahadasha* Each planet has a period during which such planet is the characteristic and influential master of the chart. This poem was written as the author emerged from his 18 years of Rahu being his chart master.

⁹⁶ *The Blade of Grass and The Footprint of The Calf*, Chapter X, Jyotish & Meaning – Transformation & Enlightenment

To find the *samhita*⁹⁷ of wisdom
So to the seemingly separated Ketu
We look to perfect our understanding
To the Dragon's Tail we attend
To understand the Dragon's Head

And we find the paradox
That always accompanies Truth
And in irony proves It
The 'lowly' tail is "Chief among Planets & Stars"

It is the tail, not the head
That is the *Nakshatra*⁹⁸ lord of the fire triplicity
The dragon's head breathes the fire
But it is the tail that lords that fire

It is the dragon's head that houses the mind
The head that is Nakshatra *Ardra*⁹⁹
And the intellect of *Mithuna*¹⁰⁰
And lord *Buddha*¹⁰¹

But it is the tail that is 'mindless'
"The ignorant live in their mind
the enlightened live in *sattva*¹⁰²"
And *Ketu* alone among planets is enlightened

It is the tail that: perfects the

⁹⁷ *Samhita* Sanskrit: "Without a gap" Used to remind that a seeming separation between words or concepts is only apparent, not real. For example, 'the samhita of rishi (subject or seer) & chandas (object or seen)'

⁹⁸ *Nakshatra* Lunar Mansions in Jyotish. Twenty Seven significant ecliptic stations of the Moon in its monthly circuit of the heavens

⁹⁹ *Ardra*: The sixth lunar mansion. Its symbol is the head and also the diamond. It is ruled by Rahu. Nakshatra Ardra is situated in Gemini (Mithuna) which is ruled by Mercury (Buddha) which signifies intellect. So we have the head, the mind and the intellect reaching for the diamond of intellectual perfection.

¹⁰⁰ *Mithuna*: Gemini – which signifies intellect. The intellectual facility needed to distinguish between the duality-polarity twins of Gemini. Subject and its object – and the infinite diversity of objects bursting forth from the infinite power of that binary mathematics arising from the infinite subject and its primary intercourse with its infinite object in intellectual perception. And, it should be helpful to add, the winged ankles of the messenger Hermes and Mercury (being lord of Gemini) as he flies between the subject and object joining them in perception. So we have the head, the mind and the intellect reaching for the diamond of intellectual perfection.

¹⁰¹ *Buddha*: Mercury (also intellect), and lord of Gemini in Jyotish

¹⁰² *Sattva*: The balancing and harmonizing property in life and which balances Rajas (life's driving & creative property in desire and motivation) and Rajas' polarity, Tamas which checks Rajas and holds in focus that which Rajas has created in order for it to be manifested or experienced, but from which the error of attachment is born. When Sattva prevails then Rajas and Tamas are in balance and harmonized and are integrated. The entire holistic perfect universe is Sattvic. The Holy Ghost or Spirit: Perfect Infinite Transcendence manifesting and expressing in perfect Immanence in apparent finity. The perfect universe, balanced, without error, which arises from imbalance, which in turn arises from ignorance. The quotation itself in the poem is from Vasistha pg 469

intellect with intuitive wisdom
The *sattva* of *Dhanu*¹⁰³ and *lord Guru*¹⁰⁴
And the first emergence of *Purvashadha*¹⁰⁵

And finally it is *Rahu* whose *mahadasha*¹⁰⁶
precedes *Guru*'s for good reason
It is *Rahu* who prepares us for *Guru*
In our search for God

And it is *Ketu*, whose hidden secrets teach us
That in the very same *Sudarshan Chakra*¹⁰⁷
Flung by the gods to separate the polarity
Lies the eclipsed wisdom to reconcile them

OM TAT SAT¹⁰⁸

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Dedicated to Maharishi Mahesh Yogi and his teachers,
To whose teachings I was blessed to be destined in this lifetime;
Who should be credited with any good that I may have written,
But who are not responsible for any flaws.
JAI GURU DEV

¹⁰³ *Dhanu*: Sagittarius, which is a sattvic sign. Mentioned because *Purvashadha* Nakshatra (see ⁹ below) is in Sagittarius.

¹⁰⁴ *Lord Guru*: Jupiter as Lord of Sagittarius. Sattvic planet.

¹⁰⁵ *Purvashadha*: The twentieth lunar mansion (of which there are 27 in total). Its symbol is the head and tusks of an elephant. It is ruled by Venus. Nakshatra *Purvashadha* is situated in Sagittarius (*Dhanu*) which is ruled by Jupiter (*Guru*) which is the spiritual teacher. Venus represents that which we desire and which is desirable; Jupiter represents expansion of ideas, wisdom and beneficent abundance. Jupiter and Venus are both preceptors or spiritual teachers. Jupiter is guru to the gods and Venus informs the demons. *Ashadha* is Sanskrit for invincibility and *Purva Ashadha* is the first of the *Ashadha*'s (*Uttara Ashadha* being the second) and is the emerging invincibility that starts to manifest from the gestalt of the energies just described in this lunar mansion. *Purvashadha* is mentioned in this poem, because in the author's chart *Ketu* ('hidden' and 'enlightenment emerging' is in *Purvashadha* and his Venus is exalted and important in his chart.)

¹⁰⁶ *Mahadasha*: In Jyotish each planetary influence rules a native's chart for a certain period in a 120 year cycle. Such periods are called *Mahadashas*.

¹⁰⁷ *Sudarshan Chakra*: An advanced natal chart in Jyotish comprised of a paradigm of three charts of the native (the Rising Chart, the Sun Chart and the Moon Chart) from which the deepest and most subtle insights of the native's destiny (*dharma*) can be perceived through inter-relationship and synergy of the three charts.

¹⁰⁸ *OM TAT SAT*: The Father (the primal movement, consciousness, the Word), The son (the primal manifestation from desire, the Word rendered flesh), The Holy Spirit (the Transcendent Immanent in It's infinity of diverse Manifestation)

25 Primal Division: Creation

PRIMAL DIVISION: CREATION¹⁰⁹

We return to the infinite, to the attributeless ineffable
'within' that ineffable infinite
(There is no 'without' the ineffable infinite)
A 'desire' emerges; a motivation.

What 'logically' is that desire?
'Logically' it is a desire to Know Itself
What else could a desire in the attributeless ineffable possibly be?
And is the logic intellectual or intuitive?

How do I prove the logic?
Is it enough that I know it to be?
Is the knowing blind faith
Or something more
Infinitely ineffably more?

How can an attributeless ineffability Know Itself?
How can infinity know infinity?
A Noumenon, a one without a second
...Logically?

To 'know' there must be more than one
To know there must be division and separation
Dimension and focus
A 'subject' to do the 'knowing'
An 'object' to be 'known'
An act of 'knowing'
And dimension between the seemingly separate
A dimension seemingly of space and time.

But none of such exists within that ineffable infinite
that attributeless voidless void, that noumenon
Without a boundary, without limitation
No word exists 'within' it, no definition, and no concept
No resonance and no harmony ...nor the opposite.

Or perhaps they all exist within it, latently so
The infinite is infinitely powerful
Omnipotent... Is it not logical?
Infinitely everything
Nothing is impossible to it
Nothing lies outside it

So, the infinite, in order to know itself

¹⁰⁹ *The Blade of Grass and the Footprint of The Calf*, Chapter IV, Unity, Division & Polarity – Creation

Conceptualises of itself a subject
A subject; the first essential and primary division
Ego! I conceptualise, I am!

But I am, only relative to my object
Remove my object and I am no longer
I am, as my polar object manifests
I am, only to the extent that I am manifest by my own object
I am, and the infinite disappears
And it takes with it its infinite power
Infinite wisdom, infinite presence

But it cannot do so
...Logically
Infinity cannot separate from infinity
...Logically
And it never takes away its infinite power,
infinite wisdom, infinite presence

Finity cannot lie 'outside' infinity
The separation takes place 'within' infinity
Hiding itself from itself
A trick, Infinity's maya
Infinity's magic in order to know itself
In order to know itself,
Infinity allows the trick
Allows the eclipse by its own infinite wisdom
...But always only seemingly so

It hasn't even hid itself in the eclipse
Infinity, in dividing itself
Into primal subject and primal object
To see itself
Did not divide itself in two
Half of itself as subject did not see half of itself as object
Did not know only half of itself

All of Infinity as subject
Looked upon all of Infinity as object
And Infinitely knew itself
Infinitely...
Within Itself
The Mind of God

And the noumenon
Makes an infinite diversity
Within
Never 'outside' its Infinite Self
There is no 'outside'
An inside without an outside
A one without a second

And if infinity is the substance
the only substance, of which finity is made
can finity be anything other
than the infinity of which it is made?
Can a house built of glass bricks
be anything other than glass?

And so, made in the image of God
Infinity throbs through my finity
Pulsates in my heart and in my body
Informs me and is my sole Preceptor
The Holy Ghost
And I cannot *be lost to Him*
And *He cannot be lost to me*

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26 Scientific Searching

SCIENTIFIC SEARCHING¹¹⁰

We are all searching...
Searching, searching
Running, running
Endlessly in circles

For what are we searching?
Do we know?
Most of us do not... not yet
But we will, we all will

Until we know for what we search
We search in vain
And we search in pain
In circles of samsara¹¹¹

We search with eyes
But eyes look out
While what we seek
Lies here within

And the eye cannot see within
It cannot see itself
Which is itself without
So mirrors cannot help

For the within
For which we seek
Has no without
...And no within

It is enigma, maze, illusion
And it lies within the paradox
And when we reconcile the paradox,
Within without are reconciled.

When subject finds object
Within itself, as subject
Subject reconciles object

¹¹⁰ *The Blade of Grass and The Footprint of The Calf*, Chapter VI, The Physical Body, The Physical Universe

¹¹¹ *Samsara*: The circumference or circle of finite relativity and the blind rotation of non-transcendent mankind imprisoned within such a circumference by his and her own ignorance and voluntary free will. Mental limitation by conditioning. This results in repetitive karmic errors of action, reincarnating lifetime after lifetime. Until eventually and inevitably in one lifetime he or she is blessed to commence transformation and pilgrimage home to Self in Divinity – to his or her Christ infinitely transcendent and finitely immanent. (For an interpretative depiction see the 10th Card of the Major Arcana of the Tarot Pack. The revolving Wheel of Fortune with the ‘monkey-mind’ revolving inexorably imprisoned on it, from king to serf and back.)

Within the One, the Two

And we ourselves
We reconcile into the Mind of God
As His notional objects
Within His infinite Subject

It is like a dream
A dream in which there are objects
As real as real can be
...in the dream

Until the dream is realized as a dream
Which is no less God's Creation
Even the brilliant, even the gifted
Will drink the mirage, not the water

*"All these fifty years of conscious brooding have brought me no nearer
to the answer to the question: What are light quanta?"*

*"God does not play dice."*¹¹²

*"Whatever you do, don't waste time trying to fathom out what a quantum
entity (or phenomenon) like a photon 'really is' – nobody knows what
it is, only what it is like."*¹¹³

*"Do not keep saying to yourself, if you can possibly avoid it, 'but how
can it be like that?' because you will 'go down the drain' into a blind
alley from which nobody has yet escaped. Nobody knows how it can
be like that."*¹¹⁴

The yogis, the enlightened
Go down the alley, and are not blind
They return in knowledge
In wisdom, and in joy fulfilled

The physicist, takes his object
And, in his search, dissects it
Until he can dissect no further
And arrives at the unsplitable atom

Then he splits the atom
And he dissects the ultimate
Electrons, and protons, neutrons
Orbits clouds, waves and particles

Then he scratches his head
For the particles are waves
And the waves are particles
That he cannot reconcile

¹¹² Einstein, pg. 47 *The Blade of Grass and the Footprint of the Calf*

¹¹³ John Gribbon & Richard Feynman: *Almost Everyone's Guide to Science*, pp 38

¹¹⁴ Richard Feynman, pg. 47 *The Blade of Grass and the Footprint of the Calf*

And the particles (which are not particles)
Contain particles within them
quarks, and mesons, and bosons
God knows where the search will end

All these are 'virtual particles'
But also waves, 'probability waves'
And the particles and the waves
are all analogies. Not real

Analogues for quanta of energy
And how they interact and move
But what the quantum of energy inherently is
The Scientist cannot say

And the most brilliant minds
Advise against that search; in fear of
"going down the drain into the blind alley
...Nobody has yet escaped"

This tale carries shades of
the four Kabbalists,
who went down that blind alley
to gaze at the Holy of Holies

One died, one was stricken mad
One became a heretic
Only Rabbi Akiba returned in peace¹¹⁵

One did escape, and returned in peace
Let us have courage
And see if we can do the same
Let us remember Akiba's innocence

In scientific terms, the essential axiom
is to maintain cerebral clarity
That reality is composed of energy in motion
 $E=MC^2$...and nothing else

But the object of the scientists' dissection
Is but a dream object
And the dissection is a dream
And the particles of the dissection too

The dream is ultimately God's dream
In God's Mind

¹¹⁵ Aryeh Kaplan, *Meditation and Kabbalah*, pages 24 -27: Conventional non-transcendent doctrinal Judaism's warning against venturing into the transcendent, which it views as uncharted waters where angels fear to tread, and a terrible presumption.

Infinity expressing and knowing Itself
As infinite consciousness

And the quantum of energy
is but the movement of Infinite consciousness
It's movement between Itself as subject
to Its notional self as object
And the object is 'created' when seen by the subject
Only then, like Schrödinger's cat

And as the Infinite Self as subject
observes Its Infinite Self as Object
It observes infinity of diverse objects
Each a unique distance and focus from the Subject

Its akasha dimension, its Divine uniqueness
Its quantum energy in motion
and in resonance
Its harmony within the cosmic orchestra
Conducted by God himself

And the resonance makes waves
And waves make sound
And the sound is the voice of God
And God says: *Let there be light*

But the waves are analogues of energy
And particles the same
The scientist's strings, and superstrings, are playing
Are these the voice-strings of God?

Is Planck's constant¹¹⁶ not the fulcrum
where wave is converted to particle
in the mind of the observer?
Who reconciles particle as wave

Who celebrates wave as energy
The string, and all, as analogue
For energy is movement
Within the Self Divine

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Emmentia, 17th August 2003

¹¹⁶ *Planck's constant*: The mathematical number used by physicists as a constant to determine the amount of quantum of energy carried by a particular quantum of radiation by dividing the constant number by the wavelength of such quantum (when seen as a wave rather than a particle). The smallest mathematically measurable dimension or phenomenon before getting lost into mathematical infinity.

27 Religion without Transcendence

Religion without Transcendence¹¹⁷

Judaism without Kabbalah
Christianity without Mysticism
Islam without Sufi
Hinduism without the Veda
Prayer without Meditation
Imprisoned in the Word
Devoted to the servant, blind to the Master
Idolatry

I lie on the grass
I look at the sky
How far can I see?
Is there an end to my seeing?
A door in the end?
Through which I can pass?
To Endlessness...
What is Endlessness?
And who am I?

I am seven years old
I ask my elders
My elders misunderstand
If they answer
I see only their limitations
I see they know not the truth

But my elders are elder
They must be right
I am seven, I must be wrong
I follow my elders
My soul is heavy
I walk the path behind my elders
And Life is pain

I grow in body and in age
Not in spirit and not in wisdom
Bodily growth within the frustrated
seed of my soul
And the pain grows with the body
Until it bursts the idolatry
And shatters the mould
In a spasm of crisis and paroxysm of pain

And I stand then naked and small
Amidst the shattered mould

¹¹⁷ *The Blade of Grass and The Footprint of The Calf*, Chapter X, Jyotish & Meaning – Transformation & Enlightenment

Vulnerable and humiliated
But free now to grow in soul
And free to transform in spirit
As I reach now to endlessness
Where God resides in Me

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28 The Bell of Silence

The Bell of Silence¹¹⁸

*“Enough, for the veil of speech has begun
to spin a curtain around You¹¹⁹”*

Strike the Bell of Silence
Ring out its Sound of Truth
Hear the Truth of Silence
Hear it with our Heart

Strike not the Bell of Silence
Not with a hand or stick
Touch the Bell of Silence
Touch it with our Heart

Hear not the Bell of Silence
Through the noise of ear
Feel the Truth of Silence
Feel it with our Heart

Add not to the Sound of Silence
Impure with ego mind
Surf the Wave of Silence
On the sea of Resonant Soul

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¹¹⁸ *The Blade of Grass and The Footprint of The Calf*, Chapter III, Ineffability - Words to Describe Silence

¹¹⁹ *Rumi*, Sufi poet

29 Fate & Free-Will

FATE & FREE-WILL¹²⁰ *Reconciliation of the Polarity*

Fate is God's Will
Nothing else is fated

Can omnipotence limit itself
or render itself impotent
by dint of that omnipotence?

Can God, omnipotent and infinite
Declare Himself
"Henceforth limited"
"Henceforth finite"...?
And God said...

If God *is* omnipotent
He *must* be able to do so
or He isn't omnipotent

Having rendered Himself
"Henceforth limited"
Does He lose his omnipotence?
...Forever?

If God does exercises His omnipotence, to
deprive Himself of omnipotence... forever
where does omnipotence go?
Is it lost?
...Forever?

God would be no longer God
Where then would God be?
Would we be without God?
Alone... no Creator, no meaning...?

It cannot be
It is not

When finity manifests
From unmanifest infinity
It is not diminished
Remains infinite, undiminished
Even when an infinity
Emerges (seemingly) made manifest

¹²⁰ *The Blade of Grass and The Footprint of The Calf*, Chapter IX, Jyotish & Meaning – Fate & Free Will: Destiny

Infinity plays with finity
Within itself
As *Lila*, its playground
Pregnant with finity
Yet still infinite
One without a second
Not opposites – only *seemingly* so
Not separate – only *seemingly* so

Anything other than such unity
Deludes as a mirage
For Infinite God looks at Infinite God
Seemingly limited but not so
Seemingly separate but not so

God's Will is omnipotent
At all times
Immutable

Fate is God's Will
Nothing else is fated
God's Will confers free will
And our present fate is the fruit
of our free will of past incarnations
Shaped as fate in previous hands
Man's future fate is in man's present hands

*(...And ultimately there is no past and no future
No time, only the 'forever moment'
But that is for another 'time', when we
reconcile the polarity of past and future
in our dance with words)*

Animals do not have free will
They act according to instinct
according to their nature
God made them so
according to His Will

Man has free will
Man is made in the image of God
According to His will
Man's free will is the Will of God
To be exercised in the image of God
It is fated so

How does man know God's Will?
Avoid ignorance and its error?
Exercise and act through free will in
the image of God's Will?
Be spontaneous, effortless, joyful

This is how God exercises his Will
So man too must do the same
In God's harmony
A glorious choir – the Voice of God

That which is inevitable, let man do now
God's Will – for the future
Redeeming the then in the now
Dharma, and karma are witness

There can be only one way
perfectly to realize Divinity within man
To resolve the seeming separation is
to realize that there is no separation
No duality, polarity
Nothing outside the 'body' of God
Not one hair on our heads
Not one fibre of our being
Not one cell, not one atom
Not one sub-atomic pulsation
Nothing

We *are* God
We don't have to look for Him
There is no "Him"
There is no "we" and "Him"
There is only a Oneness
We don't *find* Him
We realize ourselves *in* "Him"
"Him" *in* ourselves
The Infinite in the finite
We realize that His Will is our will

And all becomes inevitable and fated
Acted out in spontaneity, effortless
In the joy of the now
For that is the Will of God
Innocent and Omnipotent

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30 On Finishing The Book

ON FINISHING THE BOOK¹²¹

Why have I written this work?
What is purpose, desire, meaning?
Who wrote this work?
Who am I?

"I think, therefore I am."
That explains my consciousness
And therefore my ego
As thinking subject

But a thought is limited
Restricted to relative duality
As my ego is limited
And restricted

Am I a limited being?
Am I restricted to the finite?
If I am the image of God
Can I not be an Infinite Image?

If I am an image of the Infinite
Surely I am both... ?

I must find out
And I will not alight at any station
before the destination

The destination is the Absolute
The Infinite and the Ineffable
The Philosophers Stone, the Holy Grail
And the Messiah
All else is compromise and dross

Why settle for less... ?
Would God... ?
Should His image do so?

The stretching itself although
an achievement, and a glimpse of bliss
is but a station en route
We don't alight there

We don't alight without transcendence;
Within duality;
Establish a new 'religion' there

¹²¹ *The Blade of Grass and the Footprint of the Calf (The Mind & Heart of God)*

Grow attached to it
Build a fortress of it
Seek security within it
Spend our lives defending it

That is the consequence of compromise
in that which is perfect
Settling for less than God would
For less than We should
For worshipping the word, not the Destiny
The signpost, not the destination

*"The goat does not grow fat
on the goatherd's call"¹²²*

Who is writing this?
Is it me?
Who am I?
That is the destination...

I am writing these words
I am thinking these thoughts
But am I really the author?
Am I really the thinker?

*In order to write
In order to think
I incarnate
But who is incarnating?*

Do I end at my skin?
Is that all I am?
Imprisoned in a coffin?

Tiny and claustrophobic
I must escape... I *will* escape
Stretch for the stars and beyond

And when I return from this beyond
(As return I must so long as I am embodied)
I can then accept incarnate limitation
Illusion to serve the Unlimited

And so I write as scribe to the Unlimited
And think as agent of the Infinite
And I take care to remember
That I am both in the writing hand

I take care to remember, unblinking

¹²² Sanai, Sufi poet – from *The Walled Garden of Truth* by Hakim Sanai, Octagon Press Ltd, London

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That my ego is a limited device
In service to my unlimited Self
One, the same and inseparable

Omniscient, Omnipotent, Eternal...

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31 Cognito Ergo Sum

Cognito Ergo Sum¹²³

"I *think*, therefore I am"
Says the Philosopher¹²⁴
"Nothing is good or bad"
says the Poet¹²⁵
"...but *thinking* makes it so"
"The cat is neither alive nor dead"
says the scientist¹²⁶
"...but *thinking* makes it so"

They are, all three
Good thinking men, and true
But their thoughts are relative
Not Absolute

The thought has a father
In the subject-thinker
And a mother
In the object-thought
And intercourse is their desire

In expressing their desire
They give birth to a third
A fourth, that in turn gives
birth to infinity of diversity

"I think, therefore I am"
Said Adam
"And I "
Said Eve
...and here I am, and you.

But that's not the end of it
Ah, "...there's the rub"
"What dreams may come..."
And dreams are but thoughts in
their night gowns

What of dreamless sleep?
And what of absolute death
which is deathless death
and birthless birth
And from which is born

¹²³ *The Blade of Grass and The Footprint of The Calf*, Chapter VI, Physical Body, Physical Universe

¹²⁴ *Descartes*

¹²⁵ *Shakespeare*

¹²⁶ *Irwin Schrödinger (Schrödinger's Cat)*

Life Eternal?

Does God exist only when He thinks?
Does He exist only when I think?
What is God's dreamless sleep?
And what of me in His dream?

The object is utterly dependent on the subject
And equally the subject on the object
Remove the subject and
the object can no longer remain
And vice versa

Is it a magician's sleight of hand?
Is God mere magician?
Is it all illusion?
...Maya?

Where is subject when I remove object?
And object when I remove subject?
Do they cease to exist?
Where do they go?
And can I bring them back?
... A game of hide-and-seek?

Philosopher, Poet and Physicist
All play the game
But with different toys
... Yet the same.

The Philosopher doesn't exist
save in his head
The Poet as alchemist can
transform bad to good
And the Scientist conjure
a dead cat to life
All in their heads

But what in their Hearts?
And what exists in their absence?
And what of the good when there is bad?
And of the life when there is death?

Is the mystic
Who smiles at the savants three
With Love
A mystic at all?

A mystic is he who has solved the mystery
Emerged from the labyrinth
And witnesses himself as subject and object

At the same time

And he smiles, and smiles, and smiles
And he giggles with mirth and joy
As he lives in his heart
With his mind his servant

His mind in serving his heart
Reconciles the polarity
And renders it servant
to his life... to Life Eternal

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32 South Africa's Miracles

SOUTH AFRICA'S MIRACLES

In my sleepless meditation
At 3:00 am this morning
My heart ignited my mind
And saw an enlightened man¹²⁷
An avatar
He blissfully strews his fertile seeds
Out into the universe

Some fall on fertile ground
And miraculous growth appears
Trees grow throughout the Garden of Eden
I do not know them all

I know of some,
There are universities and other trees
Growing in many countries
In the Garden

In the garden of South Africa
There is a tree called Sagewood¹²⁸
Planted some few years ago
Nurtured and growing in strength
Towards its fruitful maturity

A new tree now, called CIDA¹²⁹
Planted recently
And its growth is so strong
that it hurts.

Those seeds
Cast blissfully by the avatar
(and we are all avatars
though we know it not
and deny it)
Fell on fertile ground
And were nurtured with hands

¹²⁷ *Enlightened man* Maharishi Mahesh Yogi

¹²⁸ *Sagewood* A primary and secondary school utilizing principles of consciousness based education and operating within the South African educational system established in South Africa by the Governors of the Maharishi Vedic Institute (Maharishi Global Administration According to Natural Law) – more particularly Gill & Simon Conradie and others – and evolving in South Africa under their hands

¹²⁹ *CIDA* CIDA City Campus: The university established in South Africa, in remarkable circumstances, by leading members of the same international movement – more particularly (to mention but a few) Adam Paul (Taddy) Blecher, Richard Peycke, and Conrad Mhlongo – utilizing principles of consciousness based education at the tertiary educational level

Loving and totally devoted
Directed by minds
That were directed by Hearts
That saw God in their work
And knew not failure
And they continue still

The garden called South Africa
In the Garden of Eden
Has a history of miracles
And miracles are blessings
Blessings manifested in the Garden
From the womb of Fertile Infinity
Fertilised with Love
And manifested as such
In gardens of fertile finity

In this garden of miracles
A new seed has been strewn.
It lies however
on the semi arid karoo¹³⁰
of Paarl and its surrounds
And awaits its nurture,
Its water and its cultivation

To grow and hold hands
If it can
with the famous vines¹³¹
that would flank it
And to feed mouths
from organic agriculture
Naturally grown
And selflessly husbanded

Why did the seed fall there?
Not elsewhere?
Perhaps it didn't fall
Perhaps it was sown.

Why did the seed of democracy
fall on the garden of South Africa
when that garden seemed so infertile?
Perhaps that seed too was sewn
Not blindly thrown
And nurtured with forgiveness
Not blood

¹³⁰ *Karoo* Semi arid region of the Cape Province of South Africa adjacent to the famous fruit and vineyard regions of the Province

¹³¹ *Famous Vines* The vineyards and noble wines of the Cape Province of South Africa

Enlightened compassion and reconciliation
Emerging from decades of gaol
Not embittered¹³²
Into partnership with
The courage of its former gaoler¹³³

Why were the seeds of wealth
Of diamonds and of gold
And more much more
Hidden for discovery
Below that same South African soil?
Why in this garden the
nice counterpoint balance
of racial diversity,
to synergise, not annihilate.

Why in this garden
within the Garden of Eden?
There are others¹³⁴
"God does not throw dice"
And He does not squander
His miracles

This garden is not perfect
None are
These farmers are flawed
All are
But the suffocating weeds
Of ignorance and corruption,
Though they strive mightily
Though the soil is fertile for them too,
are being removed
Slowly by the flawed farmers themselves
Perhaps their very flaws
And the patience of their work
Improve the humus of the nurture
And from the humus comes humility.

And Perhaps God
aimed the seed

¹³² *not embittered* – Nelson Mandela, one of the miracles of South Africa: Emerging from 27 years of incarceration not merely unembittered but indeed refined and ennobled and poised to reconcile racial divisions and emotions and lead the miraculous societal reconciliation dynamic of the time.

¹³³ *former gaoler* – FW de Klerk, the 'white' South African leader and Prime Minister who lead the Afrikaners and other 'white' South Africans into and through the insecure and difficult period of voluntary relinquishment and hand over of power. Acts that demanded wisdom and courage. One of the miracles of South Africa in their existence and synchronicity at the critical time to clasp hands with Nelson Mandela in reconciliation.

¹³⁴ *Others* – That there were others, must be mentioned, very particularly, Bishop Desmond Tutu

And the avatars¹³⁵
Prepared the farmers with meditation.

Now,
Why do I have a daughter in London
Who represents a farmer¹¹
Respected among the famous vines
About to retire
And who's heart if ignited
Might be the miracle awaited
to water the seed lying
on the karroo soil?

And you and I, together,
Doing God's work.

If I prophesy...
If I don't, I have written the poem.

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(now 5:15am)

¹³⁵ *Avatars – Maharishi Mahesh Yogi and Bishop Desmond Tutu*

33 Immanent Action

IMMANENT ACTION

God has come to play through me
He looks through my eyes
He laughs through my mouth
And He cries through my tears

And my tears are not my tears
They are His
I do not laugh, He does
Not my eyes
And He did not *come*, He
was here all the time
I am really Him

And He me
There is no two
How could I live so long and
not know it?

And what does He look at
And what does He see
through my eyes?
He sees Himself
He sees the tree and
it is Him... and He laughs
But He laughs through my mouth
And He lives through me

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And when I build a house
A home in which to live
In God's Garden
For God

I know
As I plan
And build
And live in it

That every brick is God
Every atom of every brick
And the atoms are merely
God's thoughts

So I remember

As I live in my house
That it is God's home and
Mine as his undivided agent

His Transcendent Spirit
Immanent in every brick of my house
Immanent in every cell of my body
And house and me and God are One

As I live as One in my house
In my Garden

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34 My Elder Brother

MY ELDER BROTHER

I offer to my readers an explanatory preface before the poem:

1. Cain was elder brother to Abel. The younger brother successfully communed with God, the elder failed. The elder did not look within himself for the cause of his failure and seek repair and perfection; he looked outside of himself (which was the very cause of his failure to commune with God) and hypocritically killed his innocent brother. Since then we are all the sons of Cain in search of the spirit of Abel... the messiah, the Holy Grail, self-realisation, etc...

2. Ishmael was elder brother to Isaac – half brother and son of the servant, Hagar. Ishmael's resentment at being cast out with his mother to die in the desert, as rejected servants (and eldest son) in favour of Isaac (the younger), is legendary.

"And he (Ishmael) shall be a wild man; his hand will be against every man and every man's hand against him: and he shall dwell in the presence of all his brethren." Genesis XVI; 12 ...and be an archer. Genesis XVI; 20

I cannot resist quoting Yehuda Halevi: *"The son of the slave robes me with terror, and throws his dart with a high hand"*

3. The next metaphorical generation: Esau was elder brother to Jacob. Esau sold his birthright as eldest son to Jacob for materialism in duality (a *mess of pottage*) and lost his father's blessing in the misleading of the father. *"And Esau hated Jacob because of the blessing wherewith his father blessed him; and Esau said in his heart... I will slay my brother, Jacob."* Genesis XXVII; 41

And Esau shall live *by the sword* and be a *cunning hunter*. Genesis XXVII; 40 & XXV; 27

4. And so we witness this metaphorical evolution today as Ishmael and Esau – with their angry resentment, archer's arrow, sword and cunning – do not comprise a conventional enemy beyond the border of any country but dwell in the very presence of all citizens in all countries
5. When does it end? ...and how?
6. Before focusing on the ending, it is instructive to understand the destined unbridgeable dichotomy between the brothers. Two *manner of people* emerged from Rebekah's womb, the one *stronger than the other* and the *elder (Esau) servant to the younger (Jacob)*. Genesis XXV; 23
7. The ending is prophesied in Genesis XXVII; 40, being Isaac's consolation blessing to Esau:

*"And by thy sword shalt thou live, and shalt serve thy brother;
and it shall come to pass **when thou shalt have the dominion,**
that thou shalt break his yoke from off thy neck."* [XXVII, 39,
40]

Translation of British & Foreign Bible Society, 1957

A later translation renders this verse differently:

*"By your sword you shall live, but your brother you shall serve;
Yet it shall be that **when you are aggrieved**,
You may cast off his yoke from upon your neck."*

The Artscroll Series/Stone Edition, 1996
(Edited by Rabbi's N Scherman & M Zlotowitz)

And the Soncino Chumash for good measure:

*"And by thy sword shalt thy live, and thou shalt serve thy brother;
"And it shall come to pass when thou shalt break loose,
"That thou shalt shake his yoke from off thy neck."*

The Soncino Chumash, 1947
(Edited by the Rev. Dr A Cohen, MA, PhD, DHL)

I offer my interpretation in the poem hereunder. Essentially, *dominium* is mastery. Mastery over *oneself*, one's emotions, desires, and certainly *anger* and actions. To complete the self-referral loop, if Cain had had mastery (dominium) over *himself*, then the *Fall of Man* would not have occurred (or it would have ended, if you prefer). Also, a servant, at the conventional level, does not gain his own dominium, it is conferred by his master; however, at a higher level we are all masters, none of us are servants; indeed, we are all Divine... Thus, only we, ourselves, can cast off any yoke; thus, we ourselves imposed the yoke on ourselves in the first place. If we look into ourselves – and realise our Divinity within – and our mastery of ourselves, we cannot be servants. If we look outside of ourselves for someone else (even 'God' notionalised as outside of us) then we are indeed enslaved... self-imposed. And we are subject to the ignorance of enslavement, and the consequences of ignorant actions...

When the sons of Ishmael realise this (as should have Cain), then as masters they have no-one left to resent... Self-mastery releases them from servility. Master and servant are one of the infinite polarities constituting the *World of Relativity*; not one polarity can exist without the other (without its mate) – the servant releases the master from the bondage of the polarity as much as the master releases the servant, it is a mutual symbiosis.

But the ending may be apocalyptic, and it may be that Ishmael comes to self-mastery only *when (he is) aggrieved*. This can only be avoided (for both servant and master) if moderate Islam speaks out against radical fundamentalism and if moderate Islam retrieves Islamic education for innocence.

And, as always, we must end this contemplation by ensuring that we ourselves are looking within before we presume so to advise Ishmael and Esau. And so to the poem...

MY ELDER BROTHER

I have an elder brother
His name is Cain
But it is also Ishmael
And Esau too

I am the younger brother
I am Abel
But only in spirit

My elder brother, Cain
 Killed me¹³⁶
 And I seek resurrection

A later generation, again
 I am the younger brother
 (albeit still the son of Cain, not of Abel)
 I am Isaac
 And my elder brother, Ishmael,
 - son of my father, Abraham
 but not of my mother, Sarah;
 Son of my mother's servant -
 is a "wild man"
 and an archer
 with his hand held high against me¹³⁷

The next generation, again
 I am the younger brother
 (albeit still the son of Cain, not of Abel)
 I am Jacob
 And my elder brother, Esau
 Sold me his birthright
 For a mess of pottage
 And has since sought to kill me¹³⁸
 He, living by the sword¹³⁹
 And a cunning hunter¹⁴⁰

A history to amuse or
 A parable to instruct?

Abel was innocent
 Cain's anger was misdirected.
 Isaac was innocent;
 Ishmael's resentment
 at being cast out
 by Sarah, Abraham and God¹⁴¹

¹³⁶ "And Cain talked with Abel his brother; and it came to pass, when they were in the field, that Cain rose up against Abel his brother, and slew him." Genesis IV; 8

¹³⁷ "And he (Ishmael) will be a wild man; his hand will be against every man, and every man's hand against him; and he shall dwell in the presence of all his brethren." Genesis XVI; 12

"And God was with the lad (Ishmael); and he grew, and dwelt in the wilderness, and became an archer."
 Genesis XVI; 20

"The son of the slave robes me with terror
 And throws his dart with a high hand..."Yehuda Halevi (as quoted in Abdelwahab Medeb, Islam & its Discontents)

¹³⁸ "And Esau hated Jacob because of the blessing wherewith his father blessed him: and Esau said in his heart, The days of morning for my father are at hand; then will I slay my brother Jacob." Genesis XXVII; 41

¹³⁹ "And by thy sword shalt thou live..." Genesis XXVII; 40

¹⁴⁰ "...and Esau was a cunning hunter, a man of the field." Genesis XXV; 27

¹⁴¹ "And Sarah saw the son of Hagar the Egyptian, which she had born unto Abraham, mocking.

has since been
 directed at Isaac
 even today.
 Esau's resentment
 at selling his birthright
 and the deception of the blessing
 has since been
 directed at Jacob
 even today.

And all,
 Abraham, his sons and grandsons,
 are seed of Cain, not of Abel
 I can say that I am Abel
 but only in spirit
 For my bodily father, Cain,
 killed Abel childless

But my father, Cain
 Sought the spirit of Abel
 No less than did
 Abel himself

My father desired
 infinite embrace
 with his spiritual Father
 in infinite oneness,
 Communion without duality,
 No less than did
 Abel himself

Abel succeeded
 Not because he desired stronger
 My father, Cain, failed
 Not because he desired weaker
 Both expressed the fullness
 of their Venus in desire¹⁴²

Wherefore she said unto Abraham, Cast out this bondwoman and her son (Ishmael): for the son of this bondwoman shall not be heir with my son, even with Isaac.
 And the thing was very grievous in Abraham's sight because of his son.
 And God said unto Abraham, Let it not be grievous in thy sight because of the lad, and because of thy bondwoman; in all that Sarah hath said unto thee, hearken unto her voice; for in Isaac shalt thy seed be called.
 And also of the son of the bondwoman will I make a nation, because he is thy seed.
 And Abraham rose up early in the morning, and took bread and a bottle of water, and gave it unto Hagar, putting it on her shoulder, and the child, and sent her away: and she departed and wandered in the wilderness of Beer Sheba" Genesis XXI; 9 - 14

¹⁴² *Venus* Astrological characteristic energy for motivating desire. The planet closest to the Earth (the Garden of Eden), lying between the Earth and the Sun (the Self) from, whom it is second closest after Mercury (the latter being characteristic energy for duality of subject and object and the intellectual awareness thereby arising). And Earth (the Garden of Eden) juxtaposed between Venus (Desire) and Mars (Action, motivated by desire) – the Garden of Eden being the idyllic home manifested, realized and expressed by desire therefor.

Cain erred
Error, product of ignorance
What knowledge known to Abel,
was eclipsed to Cain?
Of what knowledge
was Cain ignorant?

The Father never rejects
A loving son in search
But if he errs
The journey into the Father's
Infinite embrace must first
traverse fields of
karmic correction,
And is pilgrimage

What was Cain's error?
Both brothers were sons
of Adam and Eve
And inherited equally

But, like Rebekah¹⁴³,
short generations later,
Eve bore two "manner of people"
From her bowels
The one stronger
And the elder servant to the younger¹⁴⁴

Eve emerged from infinity
Tasting of the fruit of duality
Henceforth the fruit of her womb
manifests the duality of the tree
and the creative intercourse
of the polarity
As does the universe.

Abel knew
Without learning
Innocently, spontaneously
intuitively;
That he was himself
naught but God
Infinite Consciousness
Manifest and express
Transcendent and immanent

Abel knew
Without learning

¹⁴³ *Rebekah*, wife of Isaac and mother of Esau and Jacob

¹⁴⁴ "And the Lord said unto her (*Rebekah*), *Two nations are in thy womb, and two manner of people shall be separated from thy bowels; and the one people shall be stronger than the other people; and the elder shall serve the younger.*" Genesis XXV; 23

Innocently, spontaneously
intuitively:
That Mercury's duality
And its intellect¹⁴⁵
Was apparency
Truthful only in apparency
Real only in apparency
In order to taste
of the fruit of the "tree"
for which his parents
had been banished

Abel, accordingly
Banished like his parents
Tasted of the fruit
The cause of the banishment
And yet he could find his way home
Notwithstanding the banishment
He could have his fruit and eat it
Having the fruit, he did not
lose himself in it
He did not enslave himself to it
He remembered
his essential divinity
He retained
his mastery
Even as he ate the fruit
equally divine
A parent can forget yet
the child still remember
A parent can get lost yet
the child find its way home

And Abel acted accordingly
His sacrifice to his Father
was his Self-realization
And his communion
was in silence
Transcendent of duality
Infinite and One
Object in Subject
Divinity divisionless in both
Transcendent and Immanent
Can one err
in Omniscience?
Can actions fail
in Omnipotence?

¹⁴⁵ *Mercury*, the planet first from the Sun (the Self). Astrological characteristic energy for the apparency of duality, subject and object in awareness; the movement of consciousness between the subject and its object (hence the messenger) and the intellect to analyse and understand the division and the awareness thereby arising as the subject perceives its object. In Sanskrit Mercury is known as Buddha.

But Cain saw the
mirage of apparency
And thought its water
Real
Separate and dual
Subject and object
Independent of each other
Cain tasted of the fruit
Of the selfsame tree
And lost his Self in
attachment to the taste
If the taste is real
Then, thought Cain,
So too am I
As taster

Thus in *Saturn's* bondage¹⁴⁶
to *Mercury's* duality
Cain felt *Venus's* desire
On *Earth*, the Garden of Eden
And thought the action of
*Mars*¹⁴⁷ was his.
But it was Cain's desire
Not God's.
The desire of the ego,
as subject, for its object;
not the innocent desire
for immaculate communion,
or conception.

But, let us remember
that even ignorant desire
is still God's consciousness
albeit blind;
Eclipsed in darkness but
seeking the light.
When Cain desired to
love God no less
than did his brother,
Cain was still imbued with
the abundant love of *Jupiter*¹⁴⁸
although expressed in ignorance:

¹⁴⁶ *Saturn* Planet furthest from the Sun (of Self) The characteristic astrological energy for servants; and for separation, bondage and grief.

¹⁴⁷ *Mars* The characteristic astrological energy for action; also for courage and anger. The warrior planet, red in colour Orbiting next after the manifestation of the Garden of Eden on Earth away from the Sun (of Self)

¹⁴⁸ *Jupiter*, the largest of the planets by far; more than twice as much mass as all the other planets, moons and bits of rubble in the Solar System put together. The Sanskrit name for Jupiter is Guru – an enlightened spiritual teacher. The characteristic astrological energy for abundance and love; spirituality and destiny. Orbiting between Mars and Saturn

And such is the comfort
The silver lining
For the eclipse is temporary
and the light permanent

In the meantime though,
Cain, in bondage thus,
expressed his love
As a subject to his object
But God is not an object
And can't be spoken *to*
God does not reject the prayer
He simply is not
the listener separate
from the speaker
He is speaker and listener
omnipresent
But the speaker
in ignorance thinks
'my sacrifice is rejected'

So error breeds error
And loses omniscience
and omnipotence
Becoming an increasingly
dense *servant* to
Saturn's *separation*
And an increasingly
Vulnerable victim of
Saturn's *grief*

Error
from loss of omniscience
Weakness
from loss of omnipotence
breeds frustrated desire
which release the demons
Anger, jealousy, fear...
Servants
to Saturn's *grief*

And *grief's servants*
Live their lives
As best they can
Writing their poetry
music
Inspired by *grief's* muse,
And seeking
*Dominium*¹⁴⁹

¹⁴⁹ Isaac's consolation blessing to Esau after having given the blessing of the firstborn to Jacob:
"And **by thy sword shalt thou live**, and shalt **serve** thy brother;

again

A servant is in bondage
What is his master?
Must the master release the servant?
Perhaps the servant releases the master?
Master-Servant is one of Maya's
Dualities
Polarities in bondage to each other
Subject in bondage to object
The attachment, the clinging
is mutual
is illusionary
is mutually illusionary
a mutual apparency
like the very separation itself
like the very duality itself
Object cannot exist without subject
Servant without master
Object *is* the subject – no less
Servant *is* the master – no less
Vice verse – no less
Neither releases the
other alone
Both liberate themselves
by reconciling the apparency
with the reality
By reconciling the finite
with the Infinite
The duality with
the Oneness
They realize they are
each other, no less
Their reconciliation
is not an embrace
One hand cannot clap
The Oneness is *dominion*
“...and thou shalt have the dominion¹⁵⁰”

Such is the key
To unlock bondage
The servant releases the master
No less than the master the servant

and it shall come to pass **when thou shalt have the dominion**,
that thou shalt break his yoke from off thy neck. [XXVII, 39, 40]

Translation of British & Foreign Bible Society, 1957

A later translation renders this verse differently:

“By your sword you shall live, but your brother you shall serve;
Yet it shall be that **when you are aggrieved**,
You may cast off his yoke from upon your neck.”

The Artscroll Series/Stone Edition (1996 Edited by Rabbi's N Scherman & M Zlotowitz)

¹⁵⁰ Genesis XXVII, 39, 40: See preceding footnote

But this key
which lies within the heart
of servant and of master
is eclipsed to them both
And they call it
'The Holy Grail'
'The Philosopher's Stone'
'The Messiah'
'The Panacea'

But instead
they crusade forth
Looking
Outside of themselves
creating more pain
more grief
They pilgrim
Looking
Outside of themselves
and creating more confusion
more separation
Even in their search

Sons of Cain in search
of the spirit of Abel
Elder brothers all
in search of the younger

But take heart
For the spirit of Abel
Is alive and well
and living in us all
Not just waiting to be found
Waving a flag¹⁵¹
For Cain killed Abel's body
Not his soul
Which is immortal
And reincarnates
In enlightened embodiments
Forever

But until the Messiah
is found
In every heart
Perception continues limited
Action continues finite
Loss of omniscience
And of omnipotence
Breeds error and failure

¹⁵¹ *Ketu* (The Dragon's Tail), the astrological characteristic energy for enlightenment, is also known as Dhvajah – a flag

Frustration and anger
Fear and insecurity
Grief

And it is the grief
Saturn's grief
that is God's final rudder
that turns the ship
of embodiment round
to find the path home

*"O sorrow, salutations to you;
you spurred me on my quest for self-knowledge
and it is by your grace that
I have attained this self-knowledge;
hence you are indeed the bestower of delight."*¹⁵²

*"Yet it shall be that
When you are aggrieved...
...you shall have the dominion
and cast off this yoke from upon your neck"*¹⁵³

At the same time that
the ship of embodiment
turns around
(Its Venus fuel of desire
redirected by Saturn grief)
The turning causes
The ship of embodiment
to crack its shell of
attachment that
its ignorance
in error
has built around it
As self protection
but also self imprisonment
And through the cracks
in its shell
the ship scuttles
its baggage
enlarging the cracks
and lightening the ship
Until the shell
falls away entirely
and the ship
is lightened entirely
and free
of its prison

¹⁵² *Yoga Vasistha* – Translation by Swami Venkatesananda (323)

¹⁵³ *Genesis XXVII, 39, 40: See preceding footnote*

and of its weight
its phoenix rises
to apotheosis
in effortless bliss

This transformation
This liberation
Grows only from
The seed of vulnerability
Germinated by pain caused
by ignorance in
the world
Its growth and fruition
Is our destiny
And if our actions
resonate with destiny
learned from our pain
We reconcile the opposites
Including gain and loss
Commune the dualities
Including
Master and servant
Terrorist and victim
Elder and younger brother
Esau and Jacob
Ishmael and Isaac
Cain and Abel

And if thus
Abel is not a victim
Cain is not a murderer
Perhaps both are
One harmony
of Divine expression
and metaphoric teaching

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¹⁵⁴ **Review**

“Thank you so much... it really is beautiful. You've clearly put a lot of thought and effort into this work. I hope that, at the very least, you are going to publish this online for other people to enjoy. I think you are spot-on in your analysis - and when one views the conflict from a more spiritual/historical/Biblical vantage-point, a lot of things begin to make sense. Unfortunately, most people aren't aware of this dynamic - and those are the people that are least likely to hear it. But, you never know... Thanks again for sharing this with me.”

Wayne Kopping (2006.12.29)

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35 The Garden of Eden

The Garden of Eden

The Infinite dreams
A dream of infinite bliss
Being infinite
Its dream is within itself.

Nothing lies outside
Of its infinite self
Nothing escapes
It

Its infinite self
Dreams
Of its infinite self
Infinitely

And knows itself
Infinitely
All of itself
Knows all of itself
Infinitely

The dream is a garden
We all would dream
of a garden
If we would

Infinite peace
Infinite beauty
Infinite experience
Infinite bliss

In which to walk
To sit
To feel
To Be...

The garden
Is no longer infinite
Although it is dreamed
By the Infinite.

It cannot be infinite
And still be a garden
But it cannot be dreamed
By the Infinite and be
outside the Infinite

The Infinite
In dreaming the portion
Does not reduce itself
By that finite portion

Sovereignty
Does not abdicate
Sovereignty
By dreaming
Of doing so.

So God's
Garden of Eden
Remains infinite
Within its finite dream

Infinitely beautiful
Infinitely blissful
Finitely dreamed
Finitely experienced
By the Infinite
Within the Infinite

But now, says God,
How do I walk in
My garden
That is a dream?

But that is a dream
The garden is a dream
How does God
Now walk in His garden
Within Himself?

How does Infinity
Walk in its own finity
And experience Its bliss
Finitely
Within its own Infinity?

Infinity
is omnipotent
Infinitely so
It can do as it pleases

So Infinity assumes finity
And walks in its finite garden
And experiences its bliss
With Infinite finiteness

How

How does He do this?
Where is He?
Where is this finite Infinity?

How do I see Him if
He is first there?
And I am not?
And where indeed is the Garden?

The garden is a finite dream
Of infinity
Infinitely real
Embodied of the Dreamer

The Dreamer
Embodies Himself
Infinite clothed in the Finite
And walks His dream.

The Dreamer is One
But there is more than
one tree
In His Garden.

The One Dreamer
Dreams of diversity
An Infinity of finite diversity
In His garden.

The Dreamer is One
But there is more
than one dreamer
in His Garden.

The One Dreamer Infinite
Can see all of His dreamed diversity
At once
And everywhere.

The Dreamer clothed in finity
Cannot
His finite clothes
Veil the Infinite Vision.

But the finite clothes divide
also His Oneness
Into a multitude of finite diversity
Infinitely so.

Enabling His diverse
Embodiments to be

Everywhere
At all times

And thus still
See His Garden
In all its diversity
At all places
In all seasons

Now
Where is He
This infinite diversity
In the finite garden?

And where am I
Am I in the garden too
or have I been banished?
...For ever?

To where am I banished?
Where is this place
of banishment?
Can I find my way back?
From where to where?

Is there anywhere outside
of Infinity?
To which I can be banished?
And who am I?
Who is banished?
And why?

There is no place
Outside the Infinite
The mind of God
There is no being
Outside the Infinite
The heart of God.

So I
Whoever I be
Remain
Within the mind and heart
Of God
Wherever I be
And whenever I be
And I can be nowhere else
At any time

And all of me
Whatever I be

Consists entirely
Of God
Of God Infinite
Albeit finite me.

And finite me
Is infinite
Of God Infinite
Although I do not know it.

And that
Is my banishment:
That I
do not know it.

I think
that I am banished
and I banish
myself.

And who am I?
If I exist
Entirely within
Infinity
And am constituted
Entirely of
Infinity,
Who is finite Me?

Finite me
Is perhaps
Infinite Me
self-banished
in that belief.

Finite me
Is perhaps
Infinite God
Strolling his finite Garden.

And Infinite God
Looks
And sees through
My finite eyes
And hears, and feels
And smells and tastes
Through me
In his finite garden.

And when I look
It is God who sees

And in this poem
God speaks

And I
Can unbanish
Myself
By just such realization.

And the distinction
Disappears
And the separation
Ceases to be.

And Infinite omnipotence
Imbues all diversity
And Infinite omniscience
Informs all minds

And I return
unveiled
To the Garden
I never left...

And Like Abraham
My father, in his maturity,
I, in mine, shall
*Walk before God and be perfect*¹⁵⁵...

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¹⁵⁵ “And when Abram was ninety years old and nine, the Lord appeared to Abram, and said unto him, I *am* the Almighty God; walk before me **and be thou perfect.**”

Genesis, Chapter XVII, Verse 1

36 Natural Government

NATURAL GOVERNMENT¹⁵⁶

Every age is blessed with people who transcend beyond the mundane
People who have a vision of the Infinite
And who reach for it

¹⁵⁶ His Holiness Maharishi Mahesh Yogi established **The Natural Law Party** to pursue this vision. He sought to elevate politics beyond the competing superficiality of the average; to stretch for highest meaning and standards in Government. The heavenly utopia of peace in every country and universally.

Although the mission of The Natural Law Party was transcendent it entered the arena of politics at the mundane level and competed democratically against the conventional political parties. Notwithstanding some success, it became apparent that the grand mission had made a strategic error. The same error that had emasculated all religions that practised at the mundane level. The Natural Law Party should not be just another political party competing with others for votes in a democracy. This was comparable, in the political dimension, to the establishment, in the religious dimension, of just another religion competing for members. This was similar to what would have been a misconception of establishing a new named religion in the name of meditation in order to advance its practice and benefits.

The aim rather is to introduce the perfection of undivided transcendent spirit into the political realm so as to touch and inform all political expressions and parties. Grace would itself then work its transformations... effortlessly. Meditation does not compete with and replace prayer. It blesses and elevates it.

Maharishi accordingly ordered the evolution of the Natural Law Party into the concept of *Peace Government*...

Peace Government becomes a pure expression of Natural Law within the political dimension of society. It does not descend into the competing political arena, canvass for votes, conduct polemics and seek elected office. It transforms into an organisation structured and driven by society's coterie of the transcendent. It operates as an unobstructed conduit conveying Natural Law from the transcendent and radiating that purity into society's political dimension.

A conventionalist may call it a shadow government. It is, however, the paradoxical opposite. It is the light of government and it radiates its light onto the conventional government... and patiently enlightens the latter.

Let me conclude with a brief aside on democracy within this context. In the present stage of evolution of man democracy is the ideal of illumined and liberal society. Yet the Kingdom of God is not a democracy. The hierarchy of angels is not a democratic process. Similarly below that imagine a community of saints. They would not need to be governed by anything other than the subtle unwritten intuition of cognized Natural Law within each of them – no parliaments, courts, policing and the like. A saintly utopia. I see no leader or hierarchy but if there were I see a cognitively intuitive process determined by each citizen's respective purity of access to the omniscience and omnipotence of the Infinite Consciousness and his resultant manifestation thereof into the community. This is the source of primal leadership and monarchy by divine right. The citizen who has the purest and most immediate access to transcendent omniscience and omnipotence is the natural leader. And seen from below he is understood to have been Divinely blessed with such qualities and selected by God accordingly. But of course succession, corruption and recidivism are inevitable and the (initially divinely charged) monarchy has always become at best effete and at worst tyrannical.

From this has emerged evolution and revolution to democracy. This is both good and bad. The good is obvious, the bad is centred in the inevitability of the mediocrity of average in democratic societies. Until man's societal average rises to restore leadership by divine determination and then to transcend even that into individual mastery and societal leaderlessness, flawed democracy remains preferable to tyranny. Two further issues lead off this issue, namely:

1. Islamic fundamentalism's demand for the letter of the Quran to totally dominate all the dimensions of society including the political. Yes, but not from a non-transcendent religious radicality.
2. The parallel in society's economic dimension where communism's axiom,
from each according to his ability to each according to his need,
resonates with the Vedic wisdom concerning our actions according to our destiny while renouncing the fruits of our actions. Yes, but not from a non-transcendent immaturity that merely swaps economic tyranny for bureaucratic tyranny and extinguishes motivation.

Transcendent beyond the horizon.

Consciousness based education
Is an expression
in society's educational dimension
Transcendent beyond the immediate.

Vedas, Kabbalah, Sufi, Mystic Christianity
is a oneness of expression
of man's reach for spiritual meaning
Transcendent beyond dogma and ritual.

Meditation
Is the expression in communion
of visionary man reaching for
God beyond prayer.

Government by Natural Law
is an expression
in society's political dimension
Transcendent beyond democratic average.

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37 **Sixty**

My 60th Birthday Present
Enlightenment Mathematics
Ketu's Mathematics & Enlightenment

Infinity is All
Nothing can be subtracted from Infinity
Nothing can be added to Infinity
Everything rests within Infinity

Not 1
Not any number
Can change Infinity
Infinity is absolute

Infinity = all numbers
Infinity = all numbers – any number + that number
Any number = Infinity – that number + that number
All other numbers = Infinity – the number subtracted + it

But even in this algebra
Infinity does not lose or gain
The energy merely moves
Within Infinity constant

Infinity, if it loses a number
Loses its Infinity
If it gains a number
Never was Infinity

Infinity is absolute
It relates to nothing
But is pregnant with all
And...

When it gives birth
To a number
That number
Remains within Infinity... its mind and heart

There is no separation from Infinity
So, the 1 or the 2
Etc...
Are pregnant with Infinity

Even so the 0
Conceptualised outside Infinity
In order to be conceptualised as
the value balancing + and -

Each number
Conceptualised as a value
Outside Infinity
Is Infinity

Ignorance of this
Is bondage
Realisation of this
Is enlightenment

And binary mathematics
0 and 1
Is not
0 and 1

It is any duality
+ and –
Subject and object
male and female

And when
the polar duality
intercourse
Infinity is released

A nano gate
is pierced
And Infinity emerges
Through the same gate

But what bliss
in the process
In the Garden
of Eden

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My 60th birthday present
from Infinity to me

38 Atomic Analogue · Scientific Mythology

Dreaming about Atoms
Atomic Analogue
Scientific Mythology
Egocentric Atom
Vasanas & Nirvanas

When we apprehend with our senses
We require no analogue
No metaphoric conceptualisation
No one has seen an atom
Even under a microscope
So we have analogues
And metaphors

Billiard balls and solar systems
Then sub atomic particles that
are not particles
Strings that are not strings

Do dreams have atoms?
Can visualisations be dissected
Into its constituent atoms?
What if life is a dream?
God's dream
Through us

Is an atom a conceptualisation?
No less than its tangible edifice
Constructed by its multitudes
And sensually apprehended?

We live
We think
We apprehend matter
See it, Hear it, Feel it,
Smell and taste it

We intellectually dissect it
To its smallest particle
Until we can dissect no more
And call it *atomos*
Indivisible

We cannot see it,
Etc.
But we conceptualise it
At what stage of the dissection
Do we lose sight of it
At what stage does

the sight become
conceptualisation?

No matter, no matter
The thinker is subject
No less than the seer
And the object of thought no less
than the object of sight
and the experience of thought
no less than that of sight

I see that the sun orbits me
As does the moon
It rises in the east and
sets in the west
Relative to me

It may be that scientifically
The sun's orbit is an illusion
And the moon's real
So what
Relative to me

Heliocentric v Geocentric
Egocentric both

Work in Progress

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When I consider my dreams, I do not ask myself of what my dream objects (insentient or sentient) were made. I do not place my dream objects on a laboratory table and dissect and reduce them in order to understand them. I know that they are merely figments of my dream consciousness and cannot be comprised of anything but pure consciousness and cannot be reduced to atoms. I may seek to understand the underlying subconscious *meaning* of the objects and the lesson of the dream, but I have undoubted cognisance of the pure consciousness *composition* of the dream objects. I do not feel compelled to reduce my dream objects to what I consider to be their smallest indivisible part: to 'atoms' (when my scientific and philosophical knowledge considers *atoms* to be that smallest indivisible entity) and to sub-atomic phenomena (when my knowledge pierces the atom)... until I arrive at quanta of energy and the Planck Constant – the locus or window through which immeasurable¹⁵⁷ infinity manifests its measurable¹ finite presence.

It is no different when I consider the infinite dream of finite creation and the objects in my *waking* state of consciousness as opposed to my dreaming state. If we accept (just for argument for the moment; I hope to *prove* it later) that creation and nature is the dream of the infinite – infinity being aware of itself, infinite consciousness – then all of a sudden the

¹⁵⁷ 'Measure' in Sanskrit *maya*, the locus or window or fulcrum at which immeasurable infinity becomes measurable in finite terms. But not only the locus (the universal constants), also the effect thereof: the *eclipsing* by infinity of its own infinity in order to manifest a finite consciousness, a finite awareness of itself as 'object' by itself as 'subject' and its bursting and blossoming forth as an infinite diversity of sensible phenomena as apparent reified objects in universal manifestation and creation.

savant scientist's serious searching into objects, firstly by dissection and reduction, and secondly *as* mere objects without including himself as the subject of that object in oneness (in communion – *samhita*¹⁵⁸), becomes a spectacle of ignorance. The ignorance disappears when bathed in the light of knowledge of the indivisible oneness. And the knowledge elevates to gnosis upon the realisation of the mere *apparency* of the subject/object division and separation, and upon the realisation that the knowledge, the awareness, is the result of the relationship within that apparency. The deeper knowledge dawns in enlightenment that all manifestation, all creation, is apparency, the enlightenment that apparency cannot manifest more than itself, and that all experience, awareness, knowledge and consciousness is composed of infinity being aware of itself, and as such manifesting its infinite self in an apparency of infinite diverse finite objects, apparently separate for such manifesting purpose. The manifestation arises purely and exclusively in consciousness, and cannot be different from its exclusive constituent of consciousness. Consciousness is conscious of itself. Consciousness cannot be an object separate and divided from itself, save as an apparency... and that is the definition of a dream. The waking state of consciousness is the dream of the infinite. And it occurs at the universal ubiquitous locus at which attributeless infinite manifests awareness of its infinite self, within its infinite self, to its infinite self. The omnipresent omniscient omnipotent locus of the cosmic egocentre. The Planck constant of the universe.

The search for knowledge, understanding, meaning and wisdom is vastly different dependent on whether the searcher is enquiring into what he *thinks* is a dream or what he *thinks* is a reality. (*"Nothing is good or bad but thinking makes it so"* – similarly nothing is dream or reality but thinking makes it so.) When the object of a search is consciousness only (a dream), then there is unanimous cognisance that the object is merely an apparency, a figment of the mind, of thought, of consciousness (dreamed up for whatever reason) and it seems obviously silly to enquire into that object's inherent nature as a separate object. In such case the enquiry is exclusively into the *subjective psychological reason* for its dream-existence. The enquiry is exclusively into the subject or the subject-mind whose thought consciousness is dreaming the object, is dreaming the apparency of the object. The enquiry is not into the apparency *per se*, the enquiry is into the subject's psychic *reason* for that apparency as object. The enquiry is into the reason for that apparency *in the subject cognising that apparent object*. The enquiry is into the reason for both apparencies – subject and object – for both are merely consciousness. And we cannot have knowledge of the one without the other. Finite subject doesn't exist without finite object, and arising from their relationship, their intercourse, is all finite knowledge omniscient in infinity and omnipotent in manifest experience.

When, however, the object of the search is (thought to be) an object separate from the subject/searcher, then the searcher of necessity ignores himself as subject of the search and commences to dissect the object (thought by him to be separate from and independent of him) and to reduce it to its constituent parts in order to understand it. This is fine so long as the object is indeed an object separate from its subject, and the search seeks to dissect the object down to its essential fundamental final indivisible constituent – its atom. This is fine so long as the scientific enquiry is classical or Newtonian. This is fine so long as the mathematical enquiry involves numerical finite values. When, however, the enquiry into the object has reduced the object to subatomic particles, the particles start to cease to exist... as particles. And when, however, the mathematical logic starts to produce infinity, the

¹⁵⁸ *Samhita*: Sanskrit 'without a gap' indicating an indivisible, homogeneous oneness, in which any division or separateness is merely an apparency, an illusion, a mirage... *maya*.

numerical values get absorbed into that infinity. While we cognised the atom as a concrete tangible particle, and we cognised its constituent electrons, protons and neutrons as 'billiard balls' in an orbital dance, when we look more closely, the 'particles' dissipate before our gaze. Our 'billiard ball' and orbital analogies cease to describe our new cognisance. We then start to describe our reducing objects as waves; and as quanta of energy. But importantly we acknowledge that all our descriptions are but analogies. The electrons and their partners were not billiard balls and they were not orbiting, such were merely models for our cognisance at that stage of our knowledge. *A fortiori* when we subsequently spoke of waves, we immediately acknowledged that they were not waves but were quanta, packages, of energy, and the wave is the best metaphorical analogy to describe that energy and its kinesis. The wave is merely what we draw on paper to describe something that we cannot describe. We cannot say *what* the energy actually *is*. We can only say how it seems to manifest and express itself in its own unique way by its own unique wave frequency. Its wave frequency is its signature, but it is not the energy itself. And even when the wave collapses into a subatomic particle, we still cannot know what it is, only how it too expresses itself by its actions. Only when the subatomic particle synergises with other subatomic 'particles' to form an atom, do we start to 'see' the energy in reified form albeit with the aid of microscopes.

So even when we seek knowledge of an object by dissecting and reducing it, we still eventually come to a point when the object disappears from our gaze (firstly actually, then microscopically, then totally) and we perceive only its constituent energy (which we cannot define other than its kinetic movement best depicted as a wave analogue). At that level the scientist, still pursuing knowledge of his object as separate and independent of him as subject makes two discoveries: Firstly, that the energy materialises in discreet packages or amounts – *quanta*. Secondly, that such *quanta* manifest primarily as a wave, which 'collapses' into a particle only when the subject-scientist looks at it. At this level of Quantum Theory and Quantum Mechanics we realise that objects are constructed exclusively of pure energy, and that we ourselves participate essentially in the manifestation and materialisation of such objects by dint of our being the subject of the object. An object cannot exist without a subject. Having entered this world of quantum energy the subject-scientist is amazed as the quantum packages of energy appear and disappear from his gaze. He describes it as a strange world and he is at loss to understand where the packages of energy (the subatomic particles which he cannot see even under microscope but only describe in mathematics) go when he is not looking.

The scientist describes the quantum world as 'strange' and inexplicable. But it is strange and inexplicable only when viewed from the mindset of relativity; that is from a mindset that ignores infinity. So long as the mindset clings to a subject/object dichotomy, the object must 'logically' continue to exist...somewhere. If it vanishes here, where has it gone? If electrons (as we are told) flicker in and out of existence in Planck time, have they gone to another universe (we surmise)? If the enquiring mind (the scientist, conventional or dilettante) makes his stand in relativity, then when he comes to the point at which his object of enquiry disappears below the Planck threshold, he is left standing on nothing, and the experiences are strange. But he *thinks* he cannot stand on nothing, and so he necessarily conceptualises further objects in order to restore his essential relativity... and quarks appear, followed by anti-quarks, then 'flavours' of quarks, mesons, fermions, bosons, hadrons, baryons... The list is, I understand, growing, and the latest is called a 'string' (and subsequently a 'superstring.' No-one has ever seen a quark or a string; they are a purely conceptual and entirely mathematical constructs. It exists only in the scientist's mind. And

it exists there only because he insists on *clinging*¹⁵⁹ to relativity. He is so *attached*¹⁶⁰ to relativity that it is essential to him; if he lets go of relativity, he falls, there is nothing for him to stand on.

And there is the rub. There is the primal ignorance, the primal error that is the cause of all erroneous consequence. The Mark of Cain. This is the seed of ignorance from which sprouts the entirety of karmic consequence. The ‘nothing’ that is feared if we release our *clinging* to relativity is infinity, and the paradox is that infinity is where we do indeed stand, at all times and everywhere. We never stand anywhere else but infinity. We have nowhere else *to* stand. Anything and everything finite is but a contrivance of infinity itself, and such (infinitely contrived) finite object is nothing but infinity with its infinity eclipsed so as to *appear* finite. And this is the case with the primary relativity of finite *subject* and its finite *object*. Subject exists only to the extent that it relates to an object; remove the object and the subject vanishes – and vice versa. In all of relativity, all diverse concepts are defined and reified by their opposites.

Behind the subject/object primary relativity stands the apparent relativity or ‘half relativity’ of *infinite* relative to *finite*. Why I describe the infinite/finite relativity as *apparent* or *half* is because, while the polarity of subject/object – and all its children – are dependent on each other, infinity is not dependent on finity. Finiteness is dependent on infinity but not vice versa. Similarly, absolute/relative. This distinction is significant and provides the key to the source of all finity. All finity is relative, infinity is absolute. Infinity is boundless, attributeless and ineffable. If we notionally remove ‘something’ from infinity, infinity would notionally cease to exist. We would destroy infinity. Yet we know that we cannot destroy infinity. Infinity by definition (to talk paradoxically – we cannot define infinity...by definition) is eternal, indestructible, omnipresent and omniscient... not to mention ineffable. So my desk, my chair, the tree outside, the birds singing therein, and my body or any portion thereof, cannot exist outside of infinity. If we did, then there could be no infinity. So to the extent that we exist at all, we exist *within* infinity – as part of the web and woof thereof, its very fabric.

This logic delivers us to the realisation that infinity, which is transcendent of finity and finity’s relativity, is simultaneously silently and secretly immanent in all of finity. Finiteness pervades all of finity and all of finity’s apparent objects. Alternatively, looked at from the opposite direction, we realise that all finite objects and their relative opposites are constituted of the same infinite cloth. Both subject and object, and their infinite diversity of finite (and dichotomous) children, are infinite alike. There is no real division and separation between them. In order to manifest the appearance of division and the appearance of separation, it is necessary to veil the immanent infinity – to eclipse it. If there is light, darkness is created by eclipsing the light. The light is not destroyed, it is merely eclipsed. If there is knowledge and enlightenment, ignorance exists during the eclipse thereof. If infinity is aware of its infinite self, there can be no ignorance. If infinity is conscious of itself, it has to be enlightened, infinitely so. It cannot have patches of darkness, of ignorance. “There are no shadows in the Sun.”

¹⁵⁹ *Clinging*: Buddhist doctrine considers ‘clinging’ to the objects of the relative world as the principal cause of suffering. Vedic doctrine uses the word *attachment* to convey the same principal symptom of ignorance; we cling to that to which we are attached.

¹⁶⁰ *Attachment*: See ³ preceding

Infinite and finite exist as one. On rational enquiry the dichotomy is unmasked as an illusion. If we remove the finite, the infinite remains pristine, untouched, unchanged. On the other hand, if we remove the infinite, the finite ceases to exist. There cannot be a finite number of objects. Space stretches to infinity, time, space's concomitant, does too, and numbers do the same. The issue is not, "*what is the smallest particle (Greek 'atomos' indivisible)?*" The issue is "*what is the locus at which indivisible infinity manifests an apparency of divisibility (while remaining indivisible infinite)?*" The issue is "*how does infinity do that, and why?*" The issue is "*what is the significance to life if we realise that we are all an inseparable oneness of homogenous infinity – subject, object and all their (apparent) children?*"

The significance to life is that if we pursue this enquiry rigorously, we find ourselves, and we know ourselves, and we realise that all (sentient and insentient alike) are the infinite subject simultaneously knowing its infinite self as infinite object, while retaining its infinity and merely eclipsing it for an apparent moment in order to experience the infinite knowing. And we find ourselves through a rational logic, not through mysticism, not spirituality, certainly not religion (unless we revert that last word to its original unblemished root meaning).

Imagine, for a moment, infinity. (A paradox, of course, but we can do it. We can do anything if we are infinite immanent – omnipotent and omniscient). Imagine, for a moment that there arises a desire in the infinite breast (a paradox of words, of course, but words are the only tools we have) to know itself. Infinity cannot, however, do that – from an orthodox conventional platform anyway. Infinity cannot know itself in a relative way because it is an absolute homogenous oneness not divided and separate into a relativity of subject to do the knowing and object to be known. But infinity is omnipotent and can do anything, and is omniscient and can know all. So omnipotent and omniscient infinity divides itself into a primal subject in order to know itself as primal object. Fine so far, but surely this cannot mean that infinity divides itself into two halves. Half of itself a subject to do the knowing and the remaining half of itself an object to be known (not to mention that a third part of itself is going to have to be found to perform the *act and experience* of knowing). Then only half of itself will know, and it will know only half of itself (and where resides the act and experience of knowing?) No, that doesn't make sense. What makes rational, logical sense is that infinite is infinite; it is infinitely powerful, omnipotent, and can do anything. It can divide itself into an apparency or contrivance of subject (comprised of *all* of its infinite self) and an apparency or contrivance of object (comprised of *all* of its infinite self), and it can know all of its infinite self... infinitely. All without losing a jot of its infinity. As the shamans say, "*the dream dreams itself.*"

And when infinity does that, when infinity notionally divides itself into notionally separate subject and object, that notional divide and separation necessarily cleaves a partition in space and time. There has to be a dimension of space for the separation to manifest and manoeuvre; and there has necessarily to be a dimension of time for perception to move between the separate polarities. So the interdependent dimensions of space and time arise. And this is akasha: pure dimension, primal space and time, to constitute the empty matrix in which all manifests. Akasha, the first of the primal elements in which emerge the others – air, fire, water, and earth. The stage on which the drama is enacted. The drama of creation and of man's ecstasy and agony.

Which brings us to energy. Energy, of which all matter is created and which is the stuff of all activity. $E=MC^2$ + Love. We hear so much about energy. The scientists talk of it all the

time: matter is comprised of energy, superstrings vibrate with energy. However, the scientists never seem to explain *what* energy inherently is. Well, if, instead of seeking knowledge from and within the relative regime, we leap to the infinite and allow its infinite pregnant omniscience to unfold and blossom, we find that energy inherently is the kinetic movement from infinity's notional primal subject to its similarly notional object within the matrix dimensions provided by akasha. Pure infinite consciousness becomes aware of itself; it does this as pure infinite subject perceiving itself as pure infinite object. There is movement (notional movement) between the subject and object taking place within the matrix of akasha's dimensions of space-time. The subject is infinite, and so is the object, and the energy of the movement or action is infinite. Infinite energy, omnipotence. It is infinitely powerful and there is an infinite reservoir thereof.

All the preceding being the case, let's now again look inside the 'indivisible' atom, the smallest particle of matter, within that knowledge. Before we look, let us remind ourselves that we will be looking at a model; we will not be looking at actual objects capable of sensory perception – we will not be *seeing* the innards of the smallest particle. Initially the model was of tiny billiard balls imitating the solar system; the negatively charged electrons orbiting the positively charged central neutron. Subsequently the billiard balls gave way to mere pulsations of energy; but the pulsations remained a polarity of negative energy from the pulsating electron impulses and concomitant positive energy from the central neutron pulsation. At all times we find two intercouring impulses of polar activity: the 'negative' electron and the 'positive' neutron. This model or analogue of the innards of the atom returns us to primal relativity: negative relative to positive and vice versa. And we hasten to remind ourselves that the + and – have no nuance or ethical connotation; the polarity could as well be male relative to female or tall/short, etc... and certainly subject relative to object.

All of which brings me to my central thesis: that whenever man looks with his intellect (not to mention the less subtle mind and its senses) he experiences relative duality in polarity, and that that relative duality in polarity is infinity being conscious of itself. The Mind of God. The movement of awareness between subject and object. Quantum mechanics recognises that the electron pulses in and out of existence in the constants of Planck time and Planck space. And that it does so so fast as to create the *illusion* of a constant presence. And that it is impossible to know where and when the next appearance will be. And that the mind of the observing scientist is essential and central to the phenomenon and its 'reality.'

Continue 2006.08.24... Splitting the atom; waves analogies of energy, etc... quantum mechanics, quarks, strings, etc... vasanās indefinitely... Also maths to infinity and Zeno's paradoxes

The meaning of 'relativity' – general and Einstein?

Consciousness (within infinity and being as such simultaneously all and part of infinity – infinite consciousness) becomes aware of itself as its own object, without losing its infinite nature. Infinite consciousness thus becomes of itself both its own object and its own subject simultaneously... and all the experience that arises as pure infinite consciousness knows itself can be comprised of nothing but what it is – pure infinite consciousness. With that first awareness of itself as its own object, egosense arises, being the necessary concomitant of awareness by the subject component of the experience (albeit both, and all, components remain one indivisible homogeneous pure infinite consciousness). That egosense is an infinite cosmic egosense – the cosmic soul – and of necessity it must lose its knowledge of

its infinity, of its infinite self, in order to see itself as object. So it discards its infinite nature for such purpose... and all of life thereafter is the pilgrimage back from that discarding in order to realise that the discarding was merely an apparency (a necessary temporary eclipse) in order to know itself, So the egosense is an apparency, as is also the illusion of separation of subject and object, as also the dimensions that necessarily also arise – space and time, and also the very experience of that apparency, namely knowledge. Within the homogeneity of infinity there is no division, no separation, no relativity, no manifestation and no knowledge... nothing, but a nothing seemingly pregnant with everything. In order to release that 'everything', the infinity must of necessity divide and separate itself into a relative duality: subject and object. If infinity does that, then by definition it loses its infinity, its infinite nature. But being infinitely powerful, omnipotent, it can do that, it can do anything – it is, as I said, omnipotent. So infinity does it, but it does it as an apparency, not as a reality...

The world-appearance arises in consciousness and is therefore non-different from it.

The scientist in his waking state of consciousness searches for knowledge and understanding by studying objects by the process of reduction which he wouldn't apply to his dream objects...

...And if the scientist seeks knowledge of his dream objects he wouldn't apply the vice versa – i.e. in his dream work he looks at the dreamer/subject only...

Subatomic phenomena ('particles') are merely notions/vasanas (scriptural vasanas = scientific analogues) as our knowledge dives deeper and deeper... until we find ourselves at quanta... and then we come to infinity...

Work in Progress

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39 Dharma • Book Launch

DHARMA
or The Launch of my Book

It feels to me the greatest blessing
is to touch our destiny
To pause and reflect
Ontology and teleology
To look back
and by dint of looking back,
to look forward
And by dint of looking back and forward,
to realise the moment
The forever moment
As it reaches back forever
And forward to eternity
While remaining now

Where did I come from?
And when?
Why?
Who am I?
What am I?
And why?
To where am I going?
When?
And why?

Who asks these questions?
And why?
Is it a blessing or is it a curse?
It starts as a curse and ends as a blessing

What made me ask these questions?
What in this lifetime?
And previous?
Why in this lifetime?
It is destined, it *must* be

How do we know destiny?
How do we recognise it?
It pierces our hearts
With a pain exquisite to infinity

Destiny finds
unerringly
our vulnerability
It laughs at our shields
our fortresses
And passes through their chinks

Effortlessly
To pierce our hearts

The pain is so deep
So intense
That we cry out
With a cry so resonant
That we ourselves
Shatter the shields and
the fortresses
From within
not without
By ourselves
alone

Then we stand naked
Exposed
Vulnerable
But discover that
Vulnerability is destiny
and is invulnerable
That nakedness
is clothed in dignity
and is our sole protection

How do I know my destiny?
When desire is passion
When execution is effortless and
joy in itself
Irrespective of its fruit
That is destiny

To find it in a lifetime
is blessing indeed
but does not end there
The poem is the start
The book is the passage
The seeking, finding, pursuit of
our destiny disrobes
the soul of its ego
And the soul, naked of ego,
finds itself God Himself
No less

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40 **Why Settle for Less?**

WHY SETTLE FOR LESS?

Why settle for less?
With whom am I negotiating?
With whom did Jacob wrestle?
If there is only one?
A One without a second?

Is there any reason why?
Why I cannot be enlightened?
Fully... Now
Not partially, not tomorrow
not my next lifetime
Right now

What is preventing me,
Who is preventing me if
there is only One?
An Infinite One
A One without a second?

All my life
Since the age of seven
I have sought Infinity
Seek and ye shall find

Have I found it?
Or have I gone mad?
Simply, effortlessly
Mad

Infinity in the sciences
In mathematics and humanities
The same
No different Infinity in each
No body, no clothes
No body to clothe
Simply One
One without a second
Simply, effortlessly

When all three seekers
Scientist, mathematician, philosopher
pierce the smallest or the largest
They do not confront
three different Infinities
All three become One
Three theories become one nous
Three minds become one heart

And their searches diverse
Come to rest
In One

Infinity embraces all
And remains boundless
Nothing lies outside it
It has no bounds outside to lie

Infinity is reduced by
nought
It is increased by
nought
Infinity, boundless, centreless
Absolute

I sleep
I wake
I meditate
I contemplate

And I deduce that
I cannot exist
I cannot exist as subject
relative to an object
I am not *because* I think
My ego is because I think
But I am infinite

I, subject, cannot lie outside of Infinity
Nor can my perceived object
And Infinity is not reduced
By either of us, or anything else

I am Infinity
And Infinite my object
Both
Undivided
One without a second

Infinity, finity
The ultimate polarity
The ultimate paradox
A word to describe silence

Yet the paradox *is*
It is a reality
Paradoxically
And I must wrestle with it
As did Jacob

And, like Jacob,
I must climb the ladder
Until the highest rung
And then step yet higher
Into the realisation
The ladder is merely my
mind
And I step from mind to
Heart
Apex to Apotheosis

And if I am Infinite,
I must master it
For it is also
Infinite Me

And finite life is a reality
The world
And its duality
Its beauty and its expression
Is the object of which
I am subject

But not separate
Not two
A one without a second
Infinity celebrating itself
in an infinite diversity
of finiteness

Not heliocentric
Not geocentric
Egocentric, yes
But properly understood
In Jnana Yoga

And I must rise
And go about my day
In the world
Experience the beauty
Express the reality
Effortlessly intuitive
Simply spontaneous
Innocence

I am not my body
I am not the tree
I am both
And I am neither

Infinity is Divine

The Divinity that pervades
The Tree
Immanently and transcendently
And my body too
One Divinity
One without a second

The day is my creation
And I live it
Divine
If I will
Freewill

Why settle for less?
If I am All
If I am negotiating with
Myself
Why settle for less?

Raymond Reichman-Israelsohn
Emmarentia
26th August 2005

41 **The Cusp**

The Cusp

I intuit, or like to intuit
that we are on a cusp
to something new...
The evolution will
blossom the real,
the common and mutual;
and diminish the perceptual,
the separate and divided
...Not without pain

The evolution is seen
Socially, in the global village
Scientifically, in the Theory of Everything
Religiously, in reconciliation of names
into an unnamed Communion of Spirit
Astrologically, in reconciliation of the precession
and of the sidereal and the seasonal

It is enriching to be at the forefront thereof...

Raymond Reichman-Israelsohn
Emmarentia
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42 To a Lawyer who Realises God's Law in Man's Law

Dear Charles¹⁶¹

The more I seek God
The more I meditate
The more I see
Serendipity in synchronicity

The universe brings to me
News of your work in Kabbalah
Your work in meditation
Not your work in man's law

It is my thesis
When Judaism non-transcendent
Levitates to Judaism Kabbalah
And Islam similarly to heights of Sufi
*Shall Kabbalist and Sufi kiss
above the warring Semite hiss*

And then the universe
Brings you to me
And me to you
Through man's law...

And we bring God's Law
into man's law
And make it a true image of
God's Law

I hope, Charles, that
Again, we shall meet
Again, we shall work
Together in God's Law

...even when we seemingly
are working in man's law.

Raymond Reichman-Israelsohn
Emmarentia, Johannesburg
19th December 2005

¹⁶¹ Charles: A colleague lawyer who realises the transcendent nondual reality of spirit; and conducts himself accordingly – in his life and in his profession as lawyer

43 Gratitude to an Editor

Dear Dorian and Elma¹⁶²

What a delight that you are in my life
Such wealth you have *added unto me*
I shall have to write another just
to ensure continuation...

Your contribution to this
My expression into the universe
is such, that it is to the causal dimension
that I address my gratitude

Paradox
The proof of depth and veracity;
Absence of your editing hereto
Perceive as charm to this
My expression of Love
To you, both

Raymond Reichman-Israelsohn
Emmarentia, Johannesburg
2005

¹⁶² Dorian & Elma: Editor and Assistant Editor to *The Blade of Grass & The Footprint of the Calf*, written to them in thanks for their editing, and for their general support.

44 **Gratitude to a Son in Law**

Dear Alain¹⁶³

Thank you for loving our Nix
And thank you, in anticipation,
For the product of that love
And for sharing it with us

The Love is Infinite
The more it is shared
The more it stays the same
And its product is Infinite

May you, Alain, and Nix
Be blessed in your children
As Cynthia and I
are blessed in ours

In the meantime
Enjoy this book, please
And glimpse that Infinity
Cannot be the object of a subject

Is both Subject and Object
Cannot be known with a small 'I'
And is mind and heart
Reconciled.

Raymond & Cynthia
Christmas 2005, London

¹⁶³ Alain: Son-in-law

45 The Bom & The Book

The Bom¹⁶⁴ & The Book¹⁶⁵

Ten years ago I wrote my first poem,
To the Bom
On her departure for England
My flesh was being torn
And my pain and my love
Carried me along the writing
I cried on the page
...And until the Bom came home

My love for the Bom
And my pain at her parting
Gave birth to my poetry
And I have written since

May you, Bom,
Love your expectant child
As I love you
And bequeath to your child
Your own unique interpretation
Of the message I have sought
Innocently in this book

Raymond Reichman-Israelsohn
Emmarentia, Johannesburg
December 2006

¹⁶⁴ The Bom: My daughter, Simone, the pain from the first parting from whom – when she left for London – prompted the first of my poems.

¹⁶⁵ *The Blade of Grass and the Footprint of the Calf*

46 **The Boo & The Book**

The Boo¹⁶⁶ & The Book¹⁶⁷

I am touched that you are interested in reading this book

I hope, Boo, that you will be moved to read it slowly
very slowly and patiently over time
and that you will be moved then to read it again
I hope the book is worthy of that

I hope that you, Boo,
Whether or not you read and approve the book
Will find Yourself in this lifetime
Earlier and further than I

And come to rest in your Self
Infinitely meaningfully, effortlessly, joyfully
Expressing Yourself
Infinitely in the finite

This writing is intended to be
for the soul what your work is for the body

Raymond Reichman-Israelsohn
Emmarentia, Johannesburg
September 2007

¹⁶⁶ My younger son, Julian, a physical fitness technology expert and a sensitive soul

¹⁶⁷ *The Blade of Grass and the Footprint of the Calf*

47 To a sister who would prefer me to confide more in her

My dear sister, Karon and Stan¹⁶⁸

Perhaps read first, *The Bell of Silence*

Silence is so pregnant
Unlimited
And infinitely articulate
If we just listen

One doesn't speak
to truly say
And we cannot listen
while we speak

In my silence
please hear what I say

When the world reaches
the season of this book
I look forward to visiting you
In beautiful Vancouver

Your silently loving brother

Raymond Reichman-Israelsohn
Emmarentia, Johannesburg
September 2007

¹⁶⁸ Karon & Stan: Sister and brother-in-law in Vancouver – explaining my lack of 'chattiness'

48 **Waiting for Elodie**

Waiting for the Pixie¹⁶⁹

Dear Paul¹⁷⁰

We cannot compete with Nicci's¹⁷¹ gift
Which is a gift to us all
First time grandparents all
Nonno, grand-père, grand-papa, zaida, pappi...

However, we offer our gift
This book
In the meantime
Read it while you wait for Nicci's

We are pleased to share with you
Our daughter
Our grandchild to come
And this book

May they all touch your life
As they have done ours.

And we, in the meantime
Love your cuisine
You are blessed with a talent which
we really enjoy, perhaps more than we should

Raymond & Cynthia
Christmas 2005, London

¹⁶⁹ The Pixie: Our granddaughter, *Elodie*, then an expectation

¹⁷⁰ Paul: The 'other' grandfather

¹⁷¹ Nicci: The daughter, The Pixie's mother

49 The Creative Question

The Creative Question

I write
So what?
Will you read it?
Why?

*The Blade of Grass and
The Footprint of the Calf*
Will you read it?
Why?

Paradox implies truth
Usually proves it
If I wrote it
Then egotistical value fuelled it

If the universe wrote it
And I its servant
Then humility nourishes Divinity
Nothing less

Why are we here?
In this universe
Relativity, duality and polarity
Incarnate?

Experience
As subject
All object
Infinite and Finite

Express the experience
As subject
All object
Truth, beauty immanent

I eschew the ego
To gain the Divine
And *that* gain has
no polarity of loss

I do not lose the ego
It transforms
And its positive has
no polarity of negative

I need it
To experience and express

The universe
And to share it with you

As you share
Yours with me
Celebrate our diversity
Without veiling our unity

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50 Astrological Prediction v Transcendental Timelessness

ASTROLOGICAL PREDICTION v TRANSCENDENTAL TIMELESSNESS

Prediction predicates time
Yet time does not exist
So what do we mean by *prediction*?
What do we mean by *time*?
And what do we mean by *existence*?
They are words, all three
Just words
And words are thoughts
And thoughts are *vasanas*
Concepts
A *concept* of prediction
A *concept* of time
A *Concept* of existence

Concepts are good
I do not denigrate them
Please understand
But also understand that they are finite
And being finite, they are relative
They have levels of understanding
Levels higher and higher in the relative
Until the understanding leaves intellect
Becomes intuition
And then eventually transcends both
Both intellect and intuition
Both relative and finite
Transcends *vasanas*
And enters *nirvana*
No concepts
Transcendent infinity, absolute
Where *thought* does not exist
Where *words* are known as mere signposts
Pointing to wordlessness

So let us understand
That prediction is *vasana*
Concept, thought
As is *time, place, existence*
Cause and effect
If we predict, we are working in the relative
In akasha – the dimensions of time and space
In *the Three Worlds* – material, astral, causal
From the material, the material relative
We look to the astral for our predictions
But the astral in turn looks to the causal
The causal which emerges from Infinity
Infinite without any attribute

Without cause and effect
Without the dimensions – akasha
Without time and space
Without *vasana*
Infinite *nirvana* – No *vasanas*

Surely the issue is not prediction
But rather what we *do* with the prediction
Why do we want to predict?
What are we going to do with the prediction?
Do we predict to children?
To the illiterate?
Is there a difference between prediction and prophesy?
The prophet prophesises
But what has man done with the prophesies of the Bible?
The prophet may be enlightened
But his prophesies are not understood at his level
His prophesies are understood at the level of his audience
No higher
The prophet may be enlightened
But if his audience is not, what then the prophesy?
The enlightened live in Sattwa
But the ignorant live in their minds
Prophesies come from Sattwa
But are sown as seed in a soil of ignorance
However, they will germinate
Blossom and flower
And like the lotus, rooted in muck
Will radiate beauty to the heavens
...Eventually

Jyotish is a tool for wisdom
Not a toy for children
The prediction has value
But only to the extent of its wisdom
The value of the prediction
Lies only in free will
We seek wisdom, not prediction
But once we have wisdom
We no longer need prediction
And the paradox proves the Truth

Of the Three Worlds
Material, Astral, Causal
Jyotish looks from the material
To the astral
To gain knowledge of the material
Even to predict in the material world
But if the sight does not continue
Through the astral to the causal
To disappear sightless into the infinite

It remains relative
And contains all the flaws inherent therein
If sight stops in the astral
The sight is myopic
And myopia is flawed sight

So I do not denigrate prediction
Its value is enhanced
So long as our sight is insight
Long, silent and enhanced
So as not to stop in the astral
But continue to the causal
And even beyond, to infinite sightlessness
And then back to enrich the material
With the immaterial
By reconciliation of the opposites
By ultimate intercourse of the opposites
Which are not opposites
But a Oneness
A 'Oneness without a Second'

Prediction that accesses only the astral
Astrological prediction
Remains prediction
Prediction that accesses the causal
Is prophesy
Sight passing through the astral
Seeing the astral as merely a road to the causal
And ending sightless in the causal
And returning
With the astral emerging from the causal
Simultaneously
That's wisdom
Cosmic Consciousness
Perhaps Enlightenment

How does the infinite
manifest finite diversity... infinitely?
How does the formless
inform the world of forms?
It does that through
The *Janma Kundali*, the Birth Chart
Astrologically
The causal informs the astral
And the astral informs the material
The *Janma Kundali* is the prism
Through which the constant light
Shines and projects our rainbows
In relative time, space, cause & effect
And we – like Abel, not Cain –
Must see God in our astrology

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And seek God in our astrology
Or we err...

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51 Transcendental Discussion Dynamics

Transcendental Discussion Dynamics¹⁷²

Dear Hoseini

I sense that (our meetings are) too frequent.

*Myself when young did eagerly frequent
Doctor and saint, and heard great argument
About it and about; but evermore
Came out by the same door as in I went*

Rubaiyat of Omar Khayyam, XXVII
(Yogananda's Translation)

Let us continue in silent solitude before we next meet.

*Here with a loaf of bread beneath the bough
A flask of wine, a book of verse – and Thou
Beside me singing in the wilderness
And wilderness is paradise enow*

XXVII

It is in the latter, never the former, that
Transcendental Infinite Wisdom is discovered
Already existent, being our core, our very Being
Waiting to be unveiled, in us.
It is in the former blind of the latter
That non-transcendent ignorance
Including ignorant religiosity
Dogma, ritual, fundamentalism
Fester starved of Infinity
Omniscience & Omnipotence
Which is their Essence and their All.
Infinity, using its omnipotence
To eclipse its omniscience
From Itself

Let us not talk words
Unless our words express the Wordless
Let us not see
Unless our sight sees the Unseen
And we hear the silence

This happens only in silent solitude
Then, only then, let us bring
Our silence to each other
In wordless words

Raymond Reichman-Israelsohn
Emmarentia, Johannesburg
11th November 2007

¹⁷² Letter to an Iranian friend with whom the author sought to establish a discussion group on meaningful metaphysics

52 Let the Dead Bury The Dead

LET THE DEAD BURY THEIR OWN DEAD

Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat; but of the tree of knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat; for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die¹⁷³

Leave the dead to bury their own dead; but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God¹⁷⁴

I ate of the Tree
And was born
And died
A thousand times
*Samsara*¹⁷⁵

Now
Let not the dead
Come to bury me
As dead
I am not dead

Let them cremate my body
Scatter my ashes
The ashes are not me
Let them cremate the coat I wore
And scatter its ashes

I witness it
I witness you
Eyeless eyes of Love Let the Dead Bury The Dead Let the
Dead Bury The Dead
I, no longer imprisoned in a body
No longer wearing the coat

Pure Love...
Standing here with you
Bodyless, Coatless
Naked and innocent
Infinite Love...

Embracing you all...

Raymond Reichman-Israelsohn
Emmarentia
2nd March 2008

¹⁷³ Genesis 2:17

¹⁷⁴ Jesus to Luke, who requested leave to bury his father before following Jesus – Luke 9:59-62

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53 Yoga Through Friendship

Yoga Through Friendship The Milkwood Manor Miracle

Thirteen, perhaps fifteen, years ago
When Rahu contrived for me to be abandoned
And all alone
And I cried at night
One man alone, Kees, emerged from the silence
And reached to take my hand

In retrospect
That period was my vulnerability
To enable collapse
To enable transformation
But I didn't know it then
And Kees' hand in mine was warm

Friendship is yoga
Yoga or communion
To that infinite Source
from which all souls emerge
...without emerging
To play in joy

When souls hold hands
As Kees did mine
In my need
It is indeed yoga
The touch is communion with Divine Source
Communion by both hands

Perhaps I would have navigated the Rahu Transformation
Successfully without Kees' hand
I do not know
But God contrived for Kees to be there
And God knows
God does not err

Today I am touched and blessed
To be here
I do not see crashing waves and danger
I see God's hand ... again
And It is creating miracles... again
For the future... for us all...

To Kees with Love, On his 73rd birthday, 3rd September 2008
At Milkwood Manor, where the sea gives birth to the sun at dawn .
Raymond Reichman-Israelsohn

54 The Litigation Lawyer

THE LITIGATION LAWYER

Dear Thami¹⁷⁶, Brian¹⁷⁷, Robbie¹⁷⁸, Mohamed¹⁷⁹, Paul¹⁸⁰

You have all exhausted me
And yet...
You have all enriched me
Thank you

For a little while now
I have sought to practice Law
Reconciling Man's Law
With God's Law

You have given me
All of you
Even you, Paul,
An opportunity to glimpse that

No matter what the outcome
In Man's Court
In God's Court
I glimpse it...or presume to do so

There are no coincidences
Mere coincidences
...You, Thami,
Who introduced us?

And why?
To win a case?
In Man's Court?
Or in God's Court?

I have never seen such courage
In over 40 years
In Man's Law
And infinitely longer in God's Law

You told me, Thami
That you seek God's Law
And only then
Man's Law in resonance therewith

The case in Man's Law
Could not be fought
The case in God's Law

¹⁷⁶ Client

¹⁷⁷ Junior Advocate (Barrister)

¹⁷⁸ Senior Advocate (Queen's Counsel)

¹⁷⁹ Accountant Expert Consultant

¹⁸⁰ Opposing Attorney (Solicitor)

Can...and must

Man is made in the image of God
So too Man's Law
And Man's institutions of Law
And Man's lawyers

When Man resonates with his Image
He is perfect
In mind, body and spirit
And in Law

God's Court cannot be seen
Yet it is *seen*
Everywhere and always
If we *look*

No lawyers
No judges
No pleading
Effortless, immediate, Justice

The case in Man's Law
Is merely an opportunity
To reach for God's Law
And bring the Image closer

Did we do it here?
I think so
I hope so
I know we tried

Your courage enriches me, Thami
We all enrich each other
No matter the outcome in Man's Court
The outcome in God's is assured

Love to You All

Raymond Reichman-Israelsohn
Emmarentia, Johannesburg
24th January 2009
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55 Daddy, What is *Yogini*?

Daddy, What is *Yogini* ?

Yogini's bring miracles, my Dear
Miracles that aren't miracles
But *are* miraculous
Like you, my Love

I said that Yogini is a feminine realisation of Oneness
That is what I have learnt, my Daughter
But you are my miracle
And your question is not a coincidence

Your question was my opportunity
To realize that yogini
Yoga, Yogi, Yogini
Means Infinity

And you know what Infinity means to me...
My Daughter
My dharma, my destiny
All the karma of my reincarnations

And this meaning
Which is so obvious
So simple, and so self-evidently true
Was not taught to me... I had to realize it

And You are the agency of that realisation
That fact too
Proves its truth
These are not coincidences

What is the difference
Between miracles and coincidences?
Coincidences are opportunities
For Miracles

You are a Yogini
You perform miracles
And you don't know it
You are my Yogini

But I don't own you
Nor you me
You are my freedom
And perhaps I am yours

You are my *Special Love*¹⁸¹

¹⁸¹ A Course in Miracles, Vol 1 Text, Chapter 15 The Holy Instant & Special Relationships, p 290

Which is the gateway
To the realisation of
Infinite Love

A Special Love
That is so special
That it is Infinite
And overflows its finity

Finite limitations cannot contain it
But it is first felt in finity
In embodiment
Before it overflows to eternity...

And the special love
becomes Infinite Love
or better
is so realized

And is no longer *special*
God does not have
special loves
Only Infinite Love

One Yoga Infinite Love...

Can I love my enemy
As I love you?
I do so
Through you

You remove my enemy
And make me invincible
And One ...a Yogi
My daughter

Raymond Reichman-Israelsohn
London (in my Daughter's House)
7th July 2009
In the Full Moon of Guru Purnima

56 A Lawyer's Invocation

A Lawyer's Invocation

Infinity
The Infinite and its polarity, Finitude
But Finitude cannot be Infinity's polarity
Because Finitude cannot exist outside of Infinity

Nothing can exist outside of Infinity
Infinity has no boundaries
Outside of which to exist
So Finitude exists within Infinity

And remains Infinite while seeming finite
Infinity is God, God is Infinite
Infinity is God without God's emotional clothes
Which clothes hide God's Infinite bodiless body

We are here to seek Justice
Justice, not justice
God's Justice, not Man's
Man's Justice within God's Justice

To do this, we must seek first God's Justice
And only then take care that our search for Man's Justice
Resonates within God's Justice
As One, perfectly, innocently, eternally

Raymond Reichman-Israelsohn
20th September 2009
Emmarentia, Johannesburg

57 Another Suitcase

Another Suitcase

Heavy
And I want to be free of it
And walk light
But then I must release too its content

What is the suitcase, and its content?
What is thought, and its content?
Can I separate them, and be free of the ego?
Retain the content, and yet walk light

Perhaps I keep the content
and release the thought?
Perhaps it is the suitcase only
that is heavy?

And the thought released
Flies free as the Phoenix
If I uncage a bird, I share its freedom
And release its beauty, and mine

If I walk with God
I walk free in the Garden of Eden
If I presume to pack God
The suitcase is heavy...infinitely

God is not packed therein
The suitcase is empty
Yet it is heavy
Infinitely

Let me ensure, effortlessly
That I walk in the Garden of Eden
Without *any* suitcase
Divinity released and joyously free...

Raymond Reichman-Israelsohn
Emmarentia, Johannesburg
21st October 2009

58 Robbie's Gift

Robbie's Gift

Dear Robbie

Miracles, when they aren't miracles
Is Enlightenment
We haven't woken yet
But we are stirring

Perhaps we are beginning to intuit
That all events in our incarnation dreams
Are coincidences
Without coincident

And, like *Trial by Ordeal*
And then the *Star Chamber*
We fight in process
But surrender in outcome to the Will of God

Raymond and Thami
Johannesburg, Robbie's Chambers
18th January 2010

59 Let the Dead Bury Their Own Dead

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Emmarentia, Johannesburg

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60 Daddy, is That God...?

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My 4 year old grandson
In shul with his father
The rabbi ascends the pulpit
A hush descends...

Daddy, is that God?

If we see him
He is not God
God we do not see
With our eyes

Yet we see Him
Constantly, eternally, infinitely
If we so desire
In vision, not sight

*He who sees Me in everything
And everything in Me
I am not lost to him
And he is not lost to Me¹⁸⁵*

Enlightenment is to see God
And know that He is seen
Sightlessly in Faith
And Vision

Wisdom is to see Infinity
In seeming finite illusions
And to know that Infinity
Has no boundary, outside
of which finity can exist

Truth and spiritual gnosis
Demand transcendence
Beyond the finite words
Ascended to Infinite Consciousness

Where resides
Infinite Wisdom
Infinite Power
Infinite Peace and Grace

Arise, my dear grandson
And seek God
With exalted desire

¹⁸⁵ The Bhagavad Ghita

In your own Self

And find God
Indivisible, inseparate from
your own Self
And from everything else

Reject all words
Unless they evoke
Transcendence in your ear to
a forever moment, a placeless place

If the words don't
They will lie fallow
And stagnate into fundamentalism
...and radical hell.

*The enlightened live in Sat*¹⁸⁶
*The ignorant live in their minds*¹⁸⁷

Mind is Infinite's manifest desire
To seemingly divide
Into separate Subject and Object
To Know Itself

That is God's Mind
Man's mind is to experience
Living in such seeming duality
And walk in the Garden of Eden

The Fall of Man
Is to get lost in the Garden
Intoxicated into believing the seeming duality
Eclipsing its Non-Dual Infinite Reality

The Resurrection
Is to find our way Home
In effortless natural transcendence and Joy
Realising the Infinite Truth in
all finite phenomena

So resurrected
We are blessed with Vision
To see Infinite Wisdom
Informing all manifestation

¹⁸⁶ Sat, (Sanskrit) The Holy Spirit. Om Tat Sat – the Father, the Son, the Holy Spirit. Perfect balance in harmony seemingly emergent from the Infinite Consciousness manifest and expressed in purity free of corruption.

¹⁸⁷ The Bhagavad Ghita

As we move our seemingly
Separate dualist egos
From out of our minds of
separate subject seeing separate object

Into our core of non-dual Holy Spirit
From which We can see
Our seemingly separate minds
Merely manifesting *for*
The *At-one-ment* of Holy Spirit...

I think I see the Mind of God
I think I see a glimpse...

Raymond Reichman-Israelsohn
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Emmarentia, Johannesburg

61 Transcendence

Transcendence

What is meant by *transcendence*?
What is being *transcended*?
To *where* is one going *in order* to transcend it?
...And why?

Ultimately, we transcend the finite to reach the infinite
And, on reaching it, we reconcile the two
The infinite has no boundaries
Thus, it encompasses the finite we have transcended

So, our transcendence was not in space
Nor in time
There was no journey
Only a shift in mind

And our centre, our Source
Is now in the Infinite
No longer in the finite
And we centre Ourselves There.

And we no longer look to the Infinite
From the finite
We now look at the finite
From our centre in the Infinite

Raymond Reichman-Israelsohn
Emmarentia, Johannesburg
15th May 2012

62 Ode on Finalising a Litigation

Ode on Finalising a Litigation

Faith
When we began
We agreed
Faith

When we began
We agreed
Truth
We would seek the Truth

We would not seek
To win
We would seek
The Truth

If we won
It would be not because we sought it
But a by-product of
The Truth we sought

And the winning
Would be in God's Law
Not – deceptively, illusorily
In man's law

To win in God's Court
In God's Law
Does not demand
A Loser.

In God's Court
In God's Law
There are no Losers
Only Winners

In the Kingdom of God
There is no polarity
No fruit of the tree of
Good and evil

Did you win?
If you won in man's law
The Opposition
Must have lost

Let us not measure
Your success

By the measure of
The Opposition's loss

You won, if you found the Truth
Which you sought
When you first
Set out

The Opposition
Won, if they found Truth
Lost, if they didn't
But this is Free Will...

This is Fate
This is Destiny
This is the Mind of God
And the Holy Spirit.

Faith
When we began
Faith
No less now we continue...

If, Thami,
You are stronger in God
Than when you began
You have won

If, Thami,
You are more noble
Than when you began
You have won

I believe
I know
Thami
You have won

In God's Law
Absolutely
But also
In man's law, relatively

But I pray
That the Opposition
too
Have won

Raymond Reichman-Israelsohn
Emmarentia, Johannesburg
12th July 2012

63 The Healer

The Healer

No Problem at all Raymond. What kind of healer are you looking for?

Thank you, Toni, for asking
For wanting to know
I will answer
I will try

To heal is to make whole
etymologically
Whole is infinity
To heal is to realize our infinity

It is *The Panacea*
The Miracle, which isn't a miracle
Just...
The Hand of God

Everything else falls short
Is a placebo
Is relative, not Absolute
Is made by man, not God

"What kind of a healer am I looking for?"
I am looking for God
Anything short of that
Will not do.

Can I find God?
The Healer
The Panacea
Yes

If *yes*
Why should I look for less?
If *panacea*
Why should I settle for placebo?

God is Infinity
Infinity is God
Infinity has no boundaries
Outside of which to exist...to Be.

Therefor
I, and you, all of us
Cannot exist (Be) outside of Infinity
Infinity has no *outside*

Nor, for that matter

Does It have an *inside*
It is a Oneness, indivisible, inseparable
...“A oneness without a second”

Therefor
I, you, all of us
Exist *within* Infinity
We *are* Infinity
...We *are* God...

No less
And thus I have found my Healer
I need no other
And I am He
And He is Me

Why, therefor, the pain
...etc?
God does not have pain
...etc

If I am God
And I’ve just proved it
Why do I have pain
...etc?

Pain is God’s Rudder
To lead me back
To Him, to Wholeness
To Healing, to Infinity

Pain is not in my body
It is in my mind
If I die I will no longer feel the pain
Nor will the Infinite Mind

But there is no death
Only Life
No body
Only the Son of God

I am made in the image of God
And I am Perfect
Painless and free
Infinitely so...

Now, I must *realize* That
The words are beautiful
But mere words
Now, I must *live It*

Now, I must transcend my mind
To the *Mind of God*
My mind is subject *relative to object*
The *Mind of God* is not relative

Absolute
Infinite
To know It
Is Revelation

Revelation
Not as a word
But
Ineffable Knowingness

And It is not something
A “healer” can give me
Unless I am the Healer
Subject, and The Healed Object
Simultaneously...Now, in the Forever Moment
Not in my body
Not in my mind
In the body of Christ
In the Mind of God
Infinity
And my Healer is the Holy Spirit
Ruach Hakodesh

If I look outside of myself
For “a healer”
I remain lost
I am My Healer

When I no longer
Have to say it
To write it
I will have found myself
And my pain will be gone...

Easier said than done
Yet it *must* be effortless
Infinite is omnipotent
Omniscient
Infinitely Self-Referral

I will not find myself by struggle
Only effortlessly
I seek the effortless
I seek the panacea

It is paradox

Paradox which proves Truth
Achieved only by faith
Not effort

In the Infinite
There isn't a second
To heal the first
Only Oneness
I seek At-Onement

And I will find
Myself
My Healer
Effortlessly

And I *find Me*
Paradoxically
By realizing *I am Me*
And I don't have to look

How do I realize that?
Surrender
Surrender my subject
Looking for and at my objects

If I surrender my subject
My body, my ego
My object surrenders itself
By reconciliation, by merger

I surrender subject *relative* to object
I surrender *healer relative to healed*
I reconcile the *apparent* polarity
And *realize* the Oneness

I shift my mind
I shift my centre
Out of my *apparent* body
My *apparent* mind
Into the Mind of God
And the Body of Christ
Infinite Consciousness and Being

And I *live* from there
I centre myself
In Myself, in Infinity
And I live from there...forever...

Raymond Reichman-Israelsohn
Emmarentia, Johannesburg
3rd August 2012

64 Maia, Measure, Quantum

- evolving merits of Business Economics and Best Practise;
- growing wisdom from the lessons of the past;
- Company, Business, and General Law, including the Duty of Utmost Good Faith owed by Directors to their Companies and Shareholders at Law.¹⁸⁸

A measurable standard

Indeed

Measurable is to take the transcendent Infinite

And presume to think to cage it in a box

For in and out, above, about, below

'Tis nothing but a magic shadow-show

Play'd in a box whose candle is the sun

*Round which we phantom figures come and go*¹⁸⁹

The Infinite is the Source

And, being Infinite,

Is boundless

And being boundless, is immeasurable

To presume to think to measure the immeasurable

Is to presume to separate from Source

To see, to hear, to sense, measurable materiality

Is to remove intuition

Sanskrit *maia*

Literally, is English *measure*

More liberally and usually

Translated as *Illusion*

Why is that so?

Why does the concept *measure*

Translate as *Illusion*?

Answer that, and we are en route to enlightenment

Through Jnana Yoga¹⁹⁰

A pedantic lawyer

Asking me to remove a contractual provision

Because it is not a measurable standard

Repeats the cardinal error of Cain, rather than Abel¹⁹¹ in spirituality

The cardinal error of the *Atomists* rather than the *Eleatics*¹⁹² in mathematics,

Commented [NR1]: I like this – it is typical “RRI”, but a pedantic lawyer would ask you to remove on the basis that it is not a measurable standard.

¹⁸⁸ A contractual composition in Man's Law, and a lawyer's lawyer-daughter, NRI, commenting on it to her father

¹⁸⁹ The Rubaiyat of Omar Khayyam XLVI

¹⁹⁰ *Jnana Yoga* The Yoga of the Intellect. Paradoxically, Yoga using the intellect to transcend the intellect. Self-evidently the most difficult of the yogas, but the most powerful if mastered.

¹⁹¹ See Poem 33, *My Elder Brother*, in a Lamp in a Windless Place

¹⁹² See Infinity in the Wisdom Concordance (The History of Mathematics – The Classical Greek Schools): The Eleatic School which embraced Infinity in its mathematics and who resultantly sought enlightenment in their mathematics, and the prevalent Atomic School, who believed that the universe is made up of little

The cardinal error of all who seek spirituality in non-transcendent
fundamentalism and ritual

To limit understanding to *measurability*
Is to exclude God
Exclude the Holy Spirit
Exclude intuition

Until we become so *fundamental*
That we express our 'religion'
By blowing up a brother's place of worship
While the brother worships therein
...like Cain and Abel

Cain expressed his spirituality *measurably*
To do so Cain of necessity excluded
The Immeasurable, the Infinite
...and then killed his brother
...because his brother didn't
And because his brother resultantly saw God
And Cain didn't

To see God
We look for the immeasurable
Not the measurable
And that reconciles Man's Law with God's Law

In the Kingdom of God
The measurable is measured
Without forgetting the immeasurable
Infinite Equity in Revelation

Like my love for my daughter who raised the comment
I love her measurably because she is so special to me
But I try to remember that my special love for her
Is fed entirely by the Infinite Love of God

We have recently (re-)discovered
That everything is a *quantum* of the Infinite
A *quantum* of energy we say
Measured from immeasurable Omnipotence

Fine, but let's not forget that
The measurement does not remove it from
The immeasurable Infinite Omnipotence
Like my love for my daughter

Raymond Reichman-Israelsohn
Emmarentia, Johannesburg, 9th September 2012

particles called atoms, which are indivisible and relative, and who resultantly shut the door on enlightenment
and contented themselves with *provable* materiality

65 Will

I *will* become enlightened
Because it is the *Will of God*
Because there is no other *will*
Because God's *Will* is my will

I was born thinking that '*my*
Will' is separate from
God's Will, but my dharma in
this incarnation is to learn my error

Would, could, my Creator have
created me, and given me a *will*
separate from His?
A *will* to oppose His *Will*?

The Infinite God has Infinite Will
Nothing can exist outside of infinity
Infinity has no boundary...
At-One-Ment¹⁹³

And there is no other dharma
No other destiny
No other purpose
Free Will *is* The Will of God....simply

I was born in this lifetime
To learn this
And now
To realize this

If I do not do so
I will squander this incarnation
This opportunity...
And I *will* not squander God's Opportunity

In order to realize this
I must *believe* I can do so
With Absolute Certainty
Absolute Faith

It is only the belief, the illusion
That I can't do so
That prevents me
From doing so

And I *must* transcend that
I *must* transcend
My *apparently* separate *will*

¹⁹³ Oneness of Infinity. One without a relative second. *Echad* (Hebrew for One): Shma Israel Adonai Eloheinu Adonai Echad. *Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is One*

And ascend the *Will of God*

Which is the only *Will*
The Infinite *Will*
The *Oneness of Will* of which
I am an inseparable seamless part

Do I not have the courage
To do that?
That would be
Such a pity

Do I not have the intellect
To do that?
That would be
Such a pity

Because I have the
Intuition to do that
Because I can write
These Words

For too long have I said
I cannot achieve Enlightenment
I cannot achieve At-One-Ment
I am not worthy

For too long have I said
I am unworthy
Not in this lifetime
Next time perhaps...

Now is now
Next lifetime is now
Previous lifetime is now
Now is always now

I was born in this incarnation
With an exalted Sun
Lord of Leo
And of my First House of self

I was born in this incarnation
With my Sun in
the 9th House of Dharma
albeit with its warrior¹⁹⁴ lord an enemy in my world¹⁹⁵

I was born in this incarnation

¹⁹⁴ Mars

¹⁹⁵ My 7th House of *my world*

With the Dragon's Tail¹⁹⁶ of *Enlightenment*
Exalted¹⁹⁷ and revealing revelation in
Guru Jupiter's 5th House of Knowledge

I was born in this incarnation
With Guru Jupiter in
The Sun's 1st House
Sharing with the Moon

I was born in this incarnation with my Moon
sharing with Guru Jupiter in my 1st House of self,
Lord of Cancer and
of my 12th House of *Enlightenment*

I was born in this incarnation
With an exalted and strong Venus sharing
the 8th House of Transformation
with Mercury, debilitated but cancelled

And with Guru Jupiter
Lording that 8th House of Transformation
While residing in the 1st House
Of the Exalted Sun Self

I was born in this incarnation
With the dharma of
Epiphany of Infinity
At age 7 and Table Mountain

Which matured, like wine,
To epiphany of Desire for
The Mind of God
At age 50 and the Drakensberg

Am I going to squander this potential?
The desire of an exalted and strong Venus
In the House of Transformation
Lorded by Guru Jupiter in the exalted Self?

I *will* not do it
I *Will* not do it
I *Will* my will
To surrender to God's *Will*

I *will* my *will*
To realize it *is* God *Will*
I have no separate *will*
It was illusion

¹⁹⁶ *Ketu*, or the South Node of the Moon, the flag or herald or pennant on the masthead signifying the direction Home. Also known as the *Dragon's Tail*. The sole Planetary signifier of Enlightenment

¹⁹⁷ mooltrikon

The illusion of separation
Saturn's separation...
But Saturn is my *Great Friend*
In the 11th House of Gain

Which Saturn shares with the
exalted¹⁹⁸ Dragons Head¹⁹⁹ of
Transformation serving his Tail of
Enlightenment²⁰⁰ in Secret Revelation

There is more
There is so much more
Infinitely more...
But revelation of infinity lets it go...

Let me then conclude
I will no longer believe
That my enlightenment
Is for a later incarnation

Such a belief is ignorance and
I *will* no longer believe in ignorance
Knowledge, wisdom is Revelation
I *will* believe in Revelation...now

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¹⁹⁸ mooltrikon

¹⁹⁹ Dragon's Head – the opposite of the Dragon's Tail. The North Node of the Moon. The demon (of attachment) we must muster courage and intelligence and intuition to confront, understand, and master in order to activate the Dragon's Tail (see above) of Enlightenment.

²⁰⁰ See *Ketu* (Enlightenment) above

66 Anti-Trust

Preceded by A Lawyer's Invocation –

A Lawyer's Invocation

Infinity
The Infinite and its polarity, Finitude
But Finitude cannot be Infinity's polarity
Because Finitude cannot exist outside of Infinity
Nothing can exist outside of Infinity
Infinity has no boundaries
Outside of which to exist
So Finitude exists within Infinity
And remains Infinite while seeming finite
Infinity is God, God is Infinite
Infinity is God without God's emotional clothes
Which clothes hide God's Infinite bodiless body
We are here to seek Justice
Justice, not justice
God's Justice, not Man's
Man's Justice within God's Justice
To do this, we must seek first God's Justice
And only then take care that our search for Man's Justice
Resonates within God's Justice
As One, perfectly, innocently, eternally

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Anti-Trust

What does Anti-Trust legislation seek to achieve?
Good faith, perfect health
Good faith, perfect health, for all,
Not only for one, and in all dimensions of society

A balance
A balance of two rights
Competing and conflicting
But only apparently so

There are not two rights
There are not two of anything
Only one, a one without a second
At-One-Ment

And the apparently dual
The apparently conflicting
Reconcile into One

At-One-Ment

Then the One emerges again
Re-enters the relative
As two apparently
But we now know, they are One

And knowing that, we
know revelation, and deal
with the apparently dual
As One in reality

That is jurisprudence
Transcendent and pure
Infinite
In utmost good faith and across all dimensions seamlessly

Neither of the apparently dual
Which are really one
Seek to overreach the other
Because they would be over-reaching themselves

Each of the apparently dual
Loves the other
Because they are each
Themselves

So the apparent Distributor
In setting a price, respects
his apparent self as Distributor and
no less his apparent self as Market

The apparent self as Distributor
Reconciles the apparent duality
apparent polarity
Realizes his Oneness

And cannot act other
than in equal respect
Equal love
For both

And the Distributor sets the price accordingly
What did the R&D cost him?
What is a reasonable profit and price?
Transparently, objectively, maturely, intuitively

Can anyone complain about that?
What does the legislation seek?
...other than that?
What does the legislation achieve?

Of course, the legislation
non-transcendent and ignorant
seeks in blindness, and
its pomposity is totally devoid
of Revelation...and of Wisdom

Pedantic legislation
What does it do, in
Its non-transcendent blindness?
Its ignorance?

It throws out the baby with the bathwater
It banishes the scalpel
Because it can kill
And deprives the surgeon healing

The ignorant pedantic legislation
Is blind to discretion
Blind to the fact that the mischief it
Seeks to avoid is not the scalpel
But the act, the consciousness wielding
The scalpel

To blame the knife, not the abuse
To legislate against the knife, not the abuse
Is crass, is ignorant, blind,
Non-transcendently immature

The act is not the crime
The *mens rea* is
The restraint of trade is not the mischief
The *state of mind* is

Which brings us to the next challenge:
Although true, self-evident even
It remains hidden, eclipsed from
the non-transcendent majority

So the reality arises:
How do we communicate the Truth
to the non-transcendent fundamentalists
in the noisy majority?

We will be misunderstood by the noisy majority
The majority are noisy *because* of their ignorance
Which causes their insecurity
Which they close ranks to hide...even from themselves

At the highest level, we perceive their ignorance
and insecurity, and actions born thereof,

and we await their inevitable enlightenment
...patiently

If we *must* operate at the relative level,
We *must* ...somehow also
Communicate at that level
And accept the risk of misunderstanding

But, in doing so, we never
sacrifice the Truth
Rather, we rise to
the infinite challenge

So, we return to begin again
With the Lawyer's Invocation refreshed
Then we articulate in relative words
Coming not *from us* but *through us*
from the transcendent Infinite

And we do not *prohibit* alcohol
We do not prohibit *desire*
We recognize that nothing in God's Creation
Is evil of itself. We reach for enlightenment where
there is no *abuse of desire*
No abuse of anything in God's Creation

In the meantime, before enlightenment
During the reign of the lower relative
We see the myopic legislation against abuse's tool
But we understand the intuition against abuse alone

And we act accordingly...
And we speak accordingly...
But we wait for enlightenment...
Patiently, knowing It is Now

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67 Perfection

Mired in the illusion of separation
Snared in its prison of relativity
I consulted psychologists
And was diagnosed, perfectionist

A horrid disease indeed
From which I had to be cured
...And yet,
“...when Abram was ninety years old and nine,
“the Lord appeared to Abram, and said unto him,
“I am the Almighty God;
“*walk before Me and be thou perfect*”²⁰¹

To be perfect, to be healthy
In the relative separation
One aspires to imperfection
Perfect imperfection, imperfect perfection

Yet if we aspire to Infinity
To God
We demand
Perfection

Flawed perfection
In the separate relative
Is debilitated perfection
Obsessive Compulsive Disorder²⁰²

OCD is the debilitation of fundamentalism
Imprisoned in the coffin of relativity
Rather than the Infinite Freedom of
Infinite Faith, Infinite Consciousness
The Holy Spirit²⁰³, The Mind of God...
Infinite Perfection...Infinately Effortless
Rising Infinately Free

Infinity

²⁰¹ Genesis 17:1

A man attains **perfection** by worshipping,
with his natural gifts,
Him from Whom all beings are evolved,
and by Whom all this world is permeated.

Bhagavad Gita 18;46 Yogananda's translation

See also *Wisdom Concordance, Perfection*

²⁰² OCD

²⁰³ *Ruach Hakodesh*

Free of limitation
Free of constraint
Infinite Consciousness
Omniscience & Omnipotence
Effortless Revelation
Effortless Will
Amazing Grace

Religious motivation
Imprisoned in the relative
Non transcendent to Infinite Revelation
To Exaltation
Debilitates to religious fundamentalism
To ritual and rigor
descending to religious OCD
to religious terrorism

Mathematics without Infinity
Imprisoned within itself
Physics without Infinity
Imprisoned in atoms...which don't exist.

Life without transcendence
Imprisoned in our bodies
Our egos
Transcend to Infinity
Silence...Revelation
Infinite Peace...Effortless Joy

Not the crucifixion
Reconcile the Dragon's Head²⁰⁴
Emerge from the Dragon's Tail²⁰⁵
Transcend to Resurrection

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There is no fear in perfect love. We will but be making perfect to you what is already perfect in you. You do not fear the known, but the unknown. You will not fail in your mission because I did not fail in mine. Give Me but a little trust in the name of the complete trust I have in you, and we will easily accomplish the goal of perfection together. For perfection *is*, and cannot be denied. To deny the denial of perfection is

²⁰⁴ Spiritual Astrological Energy (*Rahu* in Sanskrit) of confronting our demons and the collapse and shattering of mould which must necessarily precede the release of attachment (baggage) enabling the spirit (Holy Spirit/*Ruach Hakodesh*) to arise effortlessly like the released Phoenix...

²⁰⁵ Spiritual Astrological Energy (*Ketu* in Sanskrit) of Enlightenment by confronting our demons (the Dragon's Head), reconciling with the Dragon's Head, resonating with it and the process thereof, and resultantly emerging from the Dragon's Tail, enlightened (or evolved towards enlightenment).

not so difficult as to deny truth, and what we can accomplish together will be believed
when you see it as accomplished.

A Course in Miracles, Volume I Text, Chapter 12 The Holy Spirit's Curriculum, The investment in Reality, p 204

68 Ignorance and its Transcendence

“Whosoever ponders on four things it were better for him if he had never been born –
what is above, what is below, what is before time, what will be hereafter²⁰⁶”

The Talmud

Revelation
Seeks infinity
Seeks wholeness
Seeks perfection

Infinity is invisible
But its manifestation
is spiritual revelation
infinitely so

Spirituality without infinity
or the search therefor
descends to religiosity,
theology, ritual...and worse

Spiritual infinity is exalted
Spiritual search without
Transcendence to infinity
Is... the opposite

Spiritual infinity is resurrection
Spiritual search without
Transcendence to infinity
Is crucifixion

What could possibly motivate
A teacher to say such a thing?
Could it be anything other than
ignorance?

If in my search for enlightenment
For knowledge, for wisdom, for revelation, I
mustn't reach to transcend to infinity
I can but descend to ritual,
to dogma, to fundamentalism ...and worse

The infinite is absolute
Not relative
God is infinite
Infinity is God

Now I understand, I think
The pain of Israel, its cause

²⁰⁶ i.e. infinity

And its patient, silently waiting,
healing
Its Messiah

Schma Israel Adonai Eloheinu Adonai Echad
Hear, O Israel, the Lord is our God, the Lord is One
Israel's Primary Invocation
Yet the Talmud's injunction
Blocks the Oneness
Not its reality, nothing could,
but our awareness Oneness

The exaltation of At-Onement
Descends to

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There is no fear in perfect love. We will but be making perfect to you what is already perfect in you. You do not fear the known, but the unknown. You will not fail in your mission because I did not fail in mine. Give Me but a little trust in the name of the complete trust I have in you, and we will easily accomplish the goal of perfection together. For perfection *is*, and cannot be denied. To deny the denial of perfection is not so difficult as to deny truth, and what we can accomplish together will be believed when you see it as accomplished.

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69 Synchronicity, Serendipity
We Also Call Them Miracles

My wife and I went with our grandchildren
To the park, to feed the ducks
And witnessed a miracle, synchronicity, serendipity
...or mere coincidence?

I sat on a bench
On which sat a stranger, Jonathan²⁰⁷
It was the summer solstice²⁰⁸
...And Jonathan was a stranger no longer

That synchronicity
Became serendipity
And birthed the music
To this poetry

Why...?

The Holy Spirit
Is silent and invisible
But we hear, we witness
Its miracles

What did the miracle do?
For Jonathan, for me?
We grew, we evolved
We are more today than when we started

The Holy Spirit, which birthed
the synchronicity of
Nelson Mandela & F W de Klerk
Which birthed that miracle...

Jonathan and I
Have our own small miracle
Which for us is not small
We are all one in the Infinite Miracle

And now, farewell, Jonathan
The Holy Spirit has us part
But in the Infinite Oneness
There is no parting

We are Sons of God
Together
We are brothers

²⁰⁷ Jonathan Khumbulani Nkala, the composer, singer, and musician of the music to this poetry

²⁰⁸ Southern Summer Solstice – 21st December 2012

At one ...here, there, forever...

In the paradox of Truth
Words transcendently express often the
opposite of their relative meaning
Surrender

Surrender into the Holy Spirit
Into the Mind & Heart of God
Into Infinity
Is not surrender, it is the opposite...

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70 Infinity, Revelation, Truth, Wisdom

My *dharma*, my destiny
Is to 'find' Infinity
And find It
I will

At age seven
At foot of Table Mountain
Epiphany, Infinity
Why?

At age seven at foot of Table Mountain
I boarded my space ship
And went in search of
The 'end' of space, and its beginning

At age seven at foot of Table Mountain
I boarded my time machine
And went in search of
The 'end' of time, and its beginning

"Seek and ye shall find"²⁰⁹
I found
No end, no beginning
Space and Time... Infinity

At age seven
Why?

Now, at age sixty eight
In retrospect
I understand
Why

All is Infinity
Finitude is merely a device of
The Infinite Consciousness
The Holy Spirit

Finitude is an inseparable part
Of the Oneness of Infinity
And its device
For knowledge, then Revelation

Infinity ... Oneness
No second
No relativity
Absolute

²⁰⁹ Matthew 7:7

Shma Israel Adonai Eloheinu Adonai Echad
Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is One
At-Onement, not atonement
The Oneness of Infinity

And I reconcile
Finity within Infinity
In Faith...
And yet...

“Whosoever ponders on four things it were better for him if he had never been born –
what is above, what is below, what is before time, what will be hereafter”²¹⁰

And this I cannot reconcile

In my early childish searches
Shortly after my first Infinity epiphanies
I assumed I couldn’t alone be right
and everyone else wrong

I feared I was evil
In the synagogue and elsewhere
And it were better for me
Had I never been born

Today, I assume the opposite
And search instead
For Infinity and Revelation
For a wiser meaning in the Talmud

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²¹⁰ The Talmud

71 Dear Cyril

A little news?

I don't *do* news

Let me offer you this:

I understand my life thesis to be Infinity
To understand it totally
To understand it totally means
Revelation, not knowledge

Infinity has no boundaries, no limits
To understand it thus means
understanding without boundaries, limits
...Revelation

When I was five I was sent to boarding school in Cape Town
I think you know why
At the foot of Table Mountain
I experienced two epiphanies ...why?

I had a space ship
which took me beyond Table Mountain
Into the sky and space
Seeking *the end* of space

I had a time machine
which took me back
seeking the beginning of time
and forward seeking the end

...Why?

I sought the *end of space*
I found *no end*
I sought the *end & start of time*
I found *no end & start*

I found
...Infinity
Although I did not know the word
And in Revelation it has no *word*

And so, since then
All my life
I have sought Reconciliation
Of finite within Infinite

Finite exists paradoxically

Within *Infinite*
which has no boundaries
outside of which to exist

And so, is begged
an inarticulate resolution
of finite and Infinite
The finding of which is Enlightenment

And that has been
And remains
My Life-Search
Which I pray for this incarnation

It is not limited
To any dimension of life
It is Infinite, not limited
It *is* Life...

It is the Mind of God
The Heart of God
The Will of God
The Holy Spirit – *Ruach Hakodesh*

As such it is inevitable
Omnipotent, Omniscient
timeless and spaceless
Here and Now...

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72 Sat

The Ultimate Sutra

“The ignorant live in their minds, the enlightened live in sat”²¹¹

Ignorant minds
Finite subject perceiving finite object
Separation, division, polarity
As if either and both are real

Living in the mind
Are the thoughts of the mind
Here and now?
Am I living in the moment?

Am I living somewhere else?
Am I living sometime other than now?
Is that real?
What is the reality of here and now?

If I live in my (finite) mind
I live somewhere else
I live sometime other than
Now

But the Reality is
Here and Now
The rest is only
In my mind

Would I rather live the Reality
or the figments of my mind?
The Mind of God
or my mind?

How do I live the Reality?
I live in the Moment
The Forever Moment
Here and Now

Are my thoughts in the Here and Now?

²¹¹ Vasishta [page 746] soft cover

Sat = Sanskrit, Infinite Purity. The omniscience, purity, innocence, of Infinity, as Infinity knows Itself, manifesting & expressing thus in the Finite accordingly as such, without corruption in the finite, which almost inevitably arises from the experiences of the Finite. More particularly the corruption arising from the initiatory motivational drive of finite creation (*rajas*) and the attachment to finite creation and the attempt to hold onto finite creation and the perceived articles thereof as a perceived reality in the finite experience in the dimensions of time and space, as a greedy act of grasping and holding the perceptions thereof to the finite self (*tamas*). The perceived finite *objects* grasped and held by the perceived finite *subject*, as a duality and polarity. *Sat*, the experience of the Infinite manifestation and expression in the finite, as the Infinite knows It's infinite Self infinitely without succumbing to the corruptions of the finite experiences by becoming slavishly attached thereto as misperceived realities (*Rahu, The Dragon's Head*)

Yesterday, tomorrow, somewhere else?
Escape from my mind
Into the Here and Now

Escape from my mind into
The Mind of God
Escape from imprisoned finity
Into free enlightened Finitude

Not in my mind, in the Mind of God
Infinite Consciousness
And in the Heart of God
Infinite Spirit, Holy Spirit, *Ruach Hakodesh*

With the mantra, with the sutra
Here and Now...

Realising that the *Here and Now*
Is the only finite manifestation
of the Infinite
Mind and Heart of God

And if I do
Then I import into my finite perceptions
The omnipotence and omniscience
of the Infinite

Which is my heritage
Always there, but ignored, squandered
No more...
Here and Now...

Effortlessly
That is the test of my success
If Infinite, then effortless
If the Will of God, then effortless

I will not find that in the finite
Only in the Infinite
And by desire I surrender into the Infinite
To bring that into the finite...effortlessly

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73 Quantum Me, Quantum Jerusalem

At the age of 70
I seek
That which I will take with me when I go
That which I won't

I seek the knowledge and wisdom to distinguish,
But not in the finite,
That knowledge, *that* wisdom is not in the finite
It floats free 'in' the Infinite

It is *not* knowledge, it is *not* wisdom
It is Revelation

It cannot be explained in words
Words are tools of the finite
We cannot reach God, the Infinite, with words
How do we express the ineffable in words?

Knowledge, wisdom, is presumption
Revelation is surrender
Non-transcendent knowledge, *apparent* wisdom blocks
Transcendent Revelation of the Infinite

Let's try and surrender
Effortlessly
Effort is symptom of Tamas²¹²
Effortlessness is proof of Sattva²¹³

Let us meditate
Let us fly
Let us soar
...Effortlessly

²¹² **Tamas** (Sanskrit), the energy of **attachment** to what we believe is real, and want to rigidly retain...
Jerusalem: The soil of Jerusalem, rather than the spirit of Jerusalem.

²¹³ **Sattva** (Sanskrit), the energy of balance in purity, harmony – between what we desire/Rajas (and therefor find) and then, having found it, to which we become attached/Tamas – which balance engenders, and is the calm product of, wisdom... desire, find, experience (without attachment – experience and let go) in faith. Infinite Purity. The omniscience, purity, innocence, of Infinity, as Infinity experiences the act of knowing Itself, manifesting & expressing thus in the Finite accordingly as such, without corruption in the finite, which almost inevitably arises from the experiences of the Finite. More particularly the corruption arising from the initiatory motivational drive of finite creation (*rajas*) and the attachment to finite creation and the attempt to hold onto finite creation and the perceived articles thereof as a perceived reality in the finite experience in the dimensions of time and space, as a greedy act of grasping and holding the perceptions thereof to the finite self (*tamas*). The perceived finite *objects* grasped and held by the perceived finite *subject*, as a duality and polarity. *Sat*, the experience of the Infinite manifestation and expression in the finite, as the Infinite knows It's infinite Self infinitely without succumbing to the corruptions of the finite experiences by becoming slavishly attached thereto as misperceived realities (*Rahu, The Dragon's Head*)

Free of Rajas²¹⁴
Free of Tamas
Innocent Sattva, ...and from there, surrender
At-One-ment in the Infinite Absolute

The ignorant live in their minds; the enlightened live in sattva
[Vasistha 746]

Rajas, Desire, Motivation...
Do we desire to hold Jerusalem?
I do... Why?
Sattva or Tamas?

Tamas, Attachment, Rigidity, **Rahu**²¹⁵
Are we *attached* to Jerusalem?
If so, will Rahu bring collapse...
To enable the enlightenment of **Ketu**²¹⁶?

Jerusalem – its soil
Are we attached to that?
With the rigidity of Rahu?
...of non-transcendent religion?
Or is it innocent effortless Revelation...Sattva?
Jerusalem – its Spirit

Is Jerusalem baggage or blessing?
or both... inviting reconciliation,
and thus transforming baggage to blessing,
like shadow to light

We won't find the answer in words...

Jerusalem, its soil, its dust
Is baggage
Jerusalem, its Spirit
Is blessing

The fact that Jerusalem was Biblically established does not alter that,
That fact demands transcendence beyond Biblical fundamentalism
Contemplate Spirit, not dust

²¹⁴ **Rajas** (Sanskrit), the motivating energy of desire, which motivates us to seek, ...and therefor "ye shall find"

²¹⁵ **Rahu** (Sanskrit), Vedic Spiritual Astrology; the Northern Node of the Moon, The Dragon's Head in Western Astrology – the astrological energy of attachment (imprisonment by attachment) and the simultaneous *means* for release from the prison by the collapse of the prison...allowing the free spirit to rise effortlessly from the collapsed debris, like the phoenix from the ashes.

²¹⁶ **Ketu** (Sanskrit), Vedic Spiritual Astrology; the Southern Node of the Moon, The Dragon's Tail in Western Astrology – the astrological energy of enlightenment – jivan mukti, freed spirit – released from the prison of attachment to perceived reality in the finite, relative realm, we are enabled to rise effortlessly from the collapsed debris of our quondam prison like the phoenix from the ashes. Ketu (*Sanskrit – flag or pennant... to which we must navigate*); we must confront the demons of the Dragon's Head which is the key to the passage to the Dragon's Tail... and enlightenment.

Spiritual blessing lies in realisation of the distinction

To be totally self-referral
To learn to let go *notwithstanding* King David
To learn that Biblical exegesis teaches mastery of Rahu
Not slavery to Rahu and its Tamasic attachment

Mastery of Rahu is the key to Ketu
Mastery of the Dragon's Head opens the passage to the Dragon's Tail
Mastery over our demons is the key to our freedom
Mastery Absolute – Self-Referral – is Enlightenment

The opposite – religion imprisoned in the relative
In non-transcendent words
Is the enemy
Banal ritual by rote

And from there
Biblical fundamentalism
Ignorant cruelty
And stoning to death...

A Christ's message lies not in his words
But in his transcendent meaning
That is the lesson
And *that* is the challenge

Jerusalem
Foundation of Peace
Place of Peace
Jeru...Salem

Jeru: *to revere, to stand in awe of*
Salem: *Peace, wholeness, to make whole, to heal*
Transcendently: *To transcend to Infinity, find God... and Peace*
Fundamentally: *To "fear" God... and go to hell*

The ignorant live in their minds; the enlightened live in sattva
[Vasistha 746]

What is the Mind?
In which the ignorant live?
What is sattva?
In which the enlightened live?

Mind is the mechanism
of *relative* consciousness
The separate subject conscious
of the separate object

Relativity

The separate *subject*
Relative to
The separate *object*

The separate self-subject, the *ego*
Conscious of
The separate object, the *world*
Relative to each other

Imprisoned in relativity
The ignorant live
Imprisoned in their mechanism of relativity
Their minds

Sattva
Is the state of consciousness
Understanding the mechanism of consciousness
Without imprisonment therein

Conscious
and joyous therein
Without consciousness and
enslavement thereto

Conscious
of the relative world
yet remaining conscious
of transcendent Reality

Remaining conscious
that relative *is* the Infinite
knowing Itself
Infinitely

And the ego, the 'I'
Is not 'Me'
But the mechanism
for the Infinite to know Itself.

Being continued...

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The Blue Moon & 5 Meditating (Retrograde) Planets

Notes for continuation:

Etymology of Jerusalem

The second and dominant part of the name reminds of the word *shalom*, meaning peace. The root of this word, *shalem*, denotes *completeness, wholeness, and soundness*.

[Abarim Publications.com](http://AbarimPublications.com) [BDB Theological Dictionary]

The general meaning of the graceful root shalem is that of wholeness, completeness, or unbrokenness. A state of completeness and harmony, or rather undividedness... i.e. Infinity

The adjective shalem meaning complete, whole perfect, safe

In Hebrew peace-making means whole-making. *Whole means infinity, Infinity means God Whole-making means to realise infinity, to realise our Self... and as such means to Heal. The Heal, to make whole, to realise Infinity, means to know your enemy... and when you know your enemy, he is no longer your enemy, he is indivisible part of the Infinite Self – of which you are an indivisible part – both parts of God in Whole not in part. And consciousness is God Infinite knowing Himself Infinitely – Love of God for Himself. And the enemy can no longer be enemy. “Love your enemy” Matthew :44*

The first part of the name means to revere (yeru) (a different context could be ‘fear’, in the sense of revere...*stand in awe of...*, and then *(if the awe does not rise to transcend understanding and wisdom, but remains in non-transcendent ignorance) to fear*. E.g. *Fear* the Lord, is ignorant exegesis. One doesn’t *fear* the Lord. One stands in awe of the Lord

Fear arises from not knowing, and that is how the same root from *awe* comes to be misunderstood in exegesis.

Both parts together means Foundation of Peace [Jones’ Dictionary of Old Testament Proper Names] or Possession of Peace [NOBSE Study Bible Name List]

Then, there is Genesis XII;1

Now, the Lord had said unto Abram, get thee out of thy country; and from thy kindred; and from thy father’s house, unto a land that I will show you

Now, the Lord said unto Abram “lech l’cha”, which can be literally translated as “go towards yourself” [Dr Eli Lizorkin-Eyzenberg, Dean of the Jewish Studies Faculty at ETeacher, Ramat Gan, Israel], or more intimately “go into yourself”

74 Lech L'cha²¹⁷

*God said unto Abram
Get thee (lech l'cha) out of thy country
And from thy kindred, and from thy father's house
Unto a land that I will show thee²¹⁸*

*And I will make of thee a great nation
And I will bless thee
And make thy name great
And thou shalt be a blessing²¹⁹*

God is Infinity
Infinity is God
Infinity is *everything*
Everything is Infinity

Canaan²²⁰ is not infinity

*And God appeared unto Abram
And said, Unto thy seed will I give this land
And there built he an altar unto God
Who appeared unto him²²¹*

Land is not infinity
Altar is not stone
Altar is the relationship between Abram & God
Land is the Place of Peace ... Yeru'Shalem

How does infinity *appear*?
When we *lech l'cha*
When we go into ourselves?
Revelation

Not land
Not soil
not physicality
metaphysicality

Revelation

If we settle for less

²¹⁷ Gen. 12:1 *lech l'cha* Biblical Hebrew : 'Go', 'go towards yourself' (Dr Eli Lizorkin-Eyzenberg, Dean of Jewish Studies, eTeacher, Ramat Gan, Israel).

Go within yourself ...and find Infinity. And find the Infinite God...

²¹⁸ Gen. 12:1

²¹⁹ Gen. 12:2

²²⁰ ...and (Abram) went forth to go into the land of Canaan; and into the land of Canaan they came Gen. 12:5

²²¹ Gen. 12.7

We relinquish
The soar of the eagle
For the flutter of the sparrow

We relinquish God
And go to church
To synagogue and mosque
...To the Tower of Babel

We go to war
We enter the arena
Become gladiators
One wins, one loses

And so, we all lose
No winners
When we could all win
No losers

Idolatry
The idolatry of physicality
Of separation
Of relativity

Relinquishing
The At-One-ment
of infinite
Infinity

Third world war...
Ishmael, a wild man, an archer, living among the people with his hand held high against
them. See My Elder Brother...

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75 Sidelsky Dialogue (1)

Thank you, Josh

Your reaching out to me, and my catharsis from my deepest consideration of your valued invitation is invaluable to me.

The purpose of Biblical reference is Biblical exegesis
Paradox
We look back in order to go forward
But there is danger in that

Danger most deadly
Looking back, we could be captured 'back'
And like Lot become
A pillar of salt

The quantum physicist
Looks back at classical physics
Only to understand
Blossoming quantum

We read
Only to understand
The ineffable...

We mathematize
Only to realise
Infinity...

We live in the finite
Only to realise
The Infinite...

The Infinite is freedom
Infinite Freedom
Peace... Love...
God

If in search of that
We look back
And forget why we are looking back
...Religious fundamentalism, and Hell

Infinity has no boundaries
Outside of which to exist
We are conscious 'within'
Infinity

Infinity (God)
Has no dimension or measurement

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‘within’
Infinity

‘Akasha’ [Sanskrit] dimension
‘Maya’ [Sanskrit] measure
‘Quantum’ [English] measured
All finite

And ‘all’ Infinite

My education
Is to surrender to the Infinite
And *know*
That *Revelation* is mine...

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76 Sidelsky Dialogue (2)

The thesis, the core, of my Life-Understanding, my mind-set is Infinity.

My understanding of the *Fall of Man* is blindness to Infinity
Finite sight blocking Infinite 'sight'
Seeing the finite, oblivious to Infinite
...then forgetting Infinity

The finite, the idol
Becomes the deity
Abram loves Isaac
Not God

Esau trades his birthright
For a mess of pottage

The result, error, we think we can claw back Infinity with finite tools ... words
Go to university, study theology
Go to shul – practise non transcendent religiosity
Be Cain, not Abel
Claw back, struggle in relativity, futile in pain... and kill Abel

Instead of leaping effortlessly to realisation of our Infinity
Our inherent Infinity
The effortlessness of the leap
Proves the truth of the paradox
Be Abel, not Cain

Only when we have experienced the infinite
Purity, innocence
Inarticulate, ineffable
Can we 'see' God
Like Abel, not Cain

Can we 'see' the metaphysical
In the physical
Can we transcend the fundamental
And exegete the meaning

We do not claw our way up Jacobs Ladder
Struggle and pain, and ensure the Ladder is firm
No, we leap, effortlessly
Not only to apex ...to apotheosis

The panacea of Infinity
The omniscience of Revelation...
Not *from* words
Free of words

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77 Israel²²²

Israel
I am Israel
I am Jacob
Quantum Me, Quantum Jacob

I am Israel
Living in Jacob
The body of Jacob
Yearning to be the Israel I am

I am Israel
I look
with awe
on the face of God

I am Jacob
Imprisoned
in the body
finite

From the body of Jacob
I look with awe
On the face
Infinite

From the body of Jacob
I cannot see
The face of
God

But how can I not see...
That which... I am?

From the body of Jacob
Do I climb the ladder
To see
God?

If I am God
Do I need
a ladder
To reach Me?

If I am Infinite
Do I need
Finite phenomena

²²² *Isra*, Hebrew to see, to look with awe
El, God, towards God, at God

To reach Me?

Ladder is finite
Rungs are finite
Words are finite
Jacob's embodiment is finite

Numbers are finite
If I recite by rote
The number line
Will I reach the infinite number?

There is no infinite number
I recite (by rote)
The number line
And never reach Infinity

I speak words forever
And never reach ...Infinity

I climb Jacob's ladder
And never reach the top

It is not the apex of Jacob's ladder
I seek
It is the apotheosis
It is Infinity... it is God

I do not climb Jacob's ladder
I do not stand on the rungs
I do not stand on the words
I do not stand on the numbers

I leap Jacob's ladder
Beyond its apex
To its apotheosis
To God

And find Myself
I find God
Expressing Infinity
Through finite Jacob

And I am both...

And what is Israel?
To see God
To see the face of God
To realise our Divinity

And what is Jerusalem?²²³
The place of peace
To find peace
To realise Peace

And we, Jacob
If we leap Jacob's ladder
We transform from Jacob to Israel
...And find Peace

Being continued...

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²²³ *Jeru*, Hebrew like *Isra*, to stand in awe
Salem (Shalom), Peace
Jerusalem Foundation (place) of Peace

78 Law

Reconciling God's with man's

I would like to comment on the fact that Victor says that you, Raymond are 'my ' lawyer and Alex is 'his. ' I thought that Victor and I were under the umbrellas of you both?

You and Victor are indeed under the umbrella of both Alec and me.
At the same time, Alec is focusing on Victor's perception and rights
At the same time, I am focusing on your perception and rights
Neither Alec nor I allow our focus to cloud our larger responsibility to you both

A subtle reality beyond the myopia of most Litigation Lawyers
Alec is both a gentleman and a leading Conveyancing Specialist
Mature Conveyancers do not allow their representation of Sellers
To blind them to the rights of Purchasers
And know that Sellers' best rights lie in in mutual respect for Purchasers

And vice versa

You and Victor have respective perceptions
You can intercourse antipathetically
Can escalate to hostility and enter the (litigious) arena
...From which emerge a 'winner' and a 'loser'

Yet a loser both

Free Will
Empowers you and Victor to transcend the (gladiatorial) arena
Realise your mutual Oneness of Divinity
And emerge both Winners

Transcending the arena of relativity
Of the *Tree of Knowledge of Good & Evil*
Realise the Omniscience & Omnipotence
Of Infinity ...the Mind & Heart of God

The Infinite Consciousness & The Holy Spirit (*Ruach Hakodesh*)

When I confronted what seemed overwhelming conveyancing pedantry
And increasing hostility between you and Victor

I sought out Alec
Who I know can balance representation of Victor and holistic vision

Not to mention Conveyancing expertise & esoteric

You are a meditator, Susan
That's how we met
I've shared with you, Susan, my perception
That this matter with Victor has a metaphysical quality

I believe, Susan, that you and Victor
Will not seek 'victories' over each other
Defined by a 'loser' left in the arena
But a shared victory & mutual Winners

And the winning will be both
Physical & Metaphysical
Material & Spiritual

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And a mutual evolution towards enlightenment...

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79 Religion

**Religion
Apex... Apogee
Body... Mind... Spirit
Crucifixion... Resurrection
Holocaust...**

If God is infinite
If Infinity is God
Consciousness is Infinite
The Mind of God

And the Infinite Consciousness is
The Heart of God
The Infinite Spirit is
The Holy²²⁴ Spirit

The body is finite
Not holy
But can ...and must
Express the Holy

The body can be crucified
The Spirit can't
Crucify the body
And resurrect the Spirit

But can resurrection
Come only from crucifixion?

Can I live in my body
And yet express the Infinite?

Must I die
In order to become enlightened?

The Infinite Consciousness
Does not intend *that*
God
Does not intend *that*

What *does* God intend?

In my finite body
Created in His Mind?
In the Garden of Eden
Created in His Mind?

²²⁴ Holy: holistic, whole = infinite wholeness, not partial. The Holy Spirit: the *Ruach Hakodesh* of the Kabbalistic Tree of Life (Hebrew)

I express in finite manifestation
The Infinite
I recognise in finite creation
The Infinite Mind and Heart of
God

The hologram
Manifests an image
Yet in every 'part' of the hologram
Resides the whole

I take an atom of the hologram
And it contains the whole
And manifests the whole
And expresses the Holy whole.

The hologram
Is consciousness expressing through light
Coherent light
Enlightened Light

The hologram is infinite
Expressing finitely

But it is also
equally
simultaneously
Finitude expressing Infinity

Before I 'die'
Before the Infinite Spirit
Releases my finite body
I *will* express the Infinite...finitely

I *will* recognise Infinity
in my finite body
I *will* remember the purpose
of Creation

Not just in meditation
But in all mundane activity
Which thus ceases to be mundane
And becomes Holy...

Jew transcends to Kabbalist
Hindu to Vedic Yogi
Christian to Resurrection
Islam to Sufi

And all to Oneness in Spirit

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The seeming 'separation'
Dissipates
And we all embrace
Holistically... in Peace

Heaven on Earth
Recognise, realise...
Purpose, meaning,
Creation

We look at the world
And see the Garden of Eden
We look at the world and see...
The Face of God

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80 Faith Can Move Mountains

FAITH CAN MOVE MOUNTAINS²²⁵ & SCHRODINGER'S CAT²²⁶ ...IN COPENHAGEN²²⁷

The portal between Infinity & finity
Infinity has no dimensions²²⁸
But cross the portal, and
I am here, now

Here, in space
Now, in time
I am Subject
The world is object
Here and now

I am born
I am embodied
I become Subject
I become ego
Ego *is* subject
When *I* am the subject
Relative to any and all objects
The whole world as an object
To me as Subject
The Garden of Eden as object
To God, to Christ, to Me as Subject

Work in Progress, being continued...

²²⁵ **Matthew 17:20:** (19) Then the disciples came to Jesus privately and said, "why could we not drive it (*the demon*) out?" (20) And Jesus said to them, "Because of the littleness of your faith; for truly I say to you, if you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'move from here to there,' and it will move; and nothing will be impossible for you.

²²⁶ **Schrödinger's cat** is a thought experiment about quantum physics. Erwin Schrödinger suggested it in 1935, in reaction to the Copenhagen interpretation of quantum physics

²²⁷ **The Copenhagen Interpretation** is an expression of the meaning of quantum mechanics that was largely devised in the years 1925 to 1927 by Niels Bohr and Werner Heisenberg. It remains one of the most commonly taught interpretations of quantum mechanics.

According to the Copenhagen interpretation, physical systems generally do not have definite properties prior to being *measured*, and quantum mechanics can only predict the probabilities that *measurements* will produce certain results. The act of *measurement* affects the system, causing the set of probabilities to reduce to only one of the possible values immediately after the *measurement*. This feature is known as *wave function collapse*.

In the early works of Max Planck, Albert Einstein, and Niels Bohr, the occurrence of energy in discrete quantities was postulated in order to explain phenomena such as the spectrum of black body radiation, the photoelectric effect, and the stability and spectrum of atoms.

Wikipedia

²²⁸ **Dimensions:** (*Sanskrit*, Akasha) – Time and Space, or Time-Space. A **measurable** quantity in time and space, Compare Sanskrit, *Maya* (= *measure*) to Physics, *Quantum*

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81 The Commercial Lawyer

THE COMMERCIAL LAWYER RECONCILING GOD'S LAW WITH MAN'S LAW

Life is a miracle, Nonie

Let's look to the miracles
Not the banalities
Not at banalities (of business, etc)
But rather at the Mind & Heart of God *behind* the banalities

The Infinite Consciousness (the Mind of God)
The Holy Spirit (the Heart of God)

Let's look at the Bigger Picture
Let's look at Nick
Let's look at your relationship with Nick
Kees' relationship with Nick,
Kees' relationship with you
...and me
And now Erich

Nick being bitten by a spider
And leaving his body

Kees' relationship to Milkwood Manor
The miracle of Kees' dyke

The miracle of Kees' dyke

The utter uniqueness of Milkwood Manor
...in the entire world
It is invaluable
Your relationship to Milkwood Manor
Your love for it
Your love for the kitchen & restaurant
Your 'hobby'

God's support to you of Erich
God's support to you of me

Is Milkwood Manor
Is Lemongrass
Merely 'businesses'
Merely 'assets' to be sold ...and move on?

Move on to what?

What is the purpose of life?

What is the Bigger Picture?
What is Faith?

Kees was spiritual
Yet he was material
The stress between these opposites
Gave him cancer ...and killed him.

So often I advised Kees
To reconcile the opposites
But that was a bridge too far...
And Kees died in pain ...leaving behind R30m
...and leaving behind Milkwood Manor

Compare 'my' Jonathan
Jonathan who composed and sang
The music to my poetry
Please listen to *The Healer*

Please listen carefully
Very carefully
Careful to listen transcendently
Each of us is our Healer
Each of us *is* God

Jonathan was poor
As poor as a church-mouse
Yet the story of his walk from Zimbabwe
And his crossing of the Limpopo River
Clinging to a tree trunk
Called 'Titanic'
While his lifelong friend
Was eaten by a crocodile next to him
And his life as a vagrant in the parks of Johannesburg
Half starved
As he watched the white women with their pampered dogs
And wished he was a dog...
Is rich ...Infinitely rich

And God brought Jonathan and me together
As God brought Kees and me together
And you and Nick
Kees and Nick
Kees and you
Kees, you, and me
And now Erich

Is Milkwood Manor an altar to that?

And Jonathan composed and sang the music to my poetry
Of all my achievements

My musicalised poetry is perhaps that
of which I am most proud

And Jonathan experienced stress
Between his soaring spirituality
And his bitter poverty, and hunger
And gave himself cancer
Like Kees

It was Jonathan's cancer which
Caused us to musicalise *The Healer*
Hoping that the thesis would
heal Jonathan

It didn't
And Jonathan went home to his tiny village in Zimbabwe
To die
But before Jonathan left, we did *Farewell*
I invite you to listen to that

But it intrigued me that
The Healer hadn't empowered Jonathan
to heal himself
Perhaps he wasn't ready...

And yet...
Last Friday (6th May)
Jonathan arrived back... *healed*
But still poor
Still half-starved

What is your destiny with
Milkwood Manor, Nonie?
And Lemongrass?

Yes, they could be doubled in size
Yes, they could be rendered even
better businesses...
But what is your destiny, Nonie?

Is it your destiny to
Love Milkwood Manor?
Love Lemongrass Restaurant?
Your hobby
As they both are?

And live out your life in that *Love*?
In that *Faith*?

With Erich in Plett?
And me in Johannesburg?

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We could still talk to interested possible Buyers
In innocent good faith and confidentiality
But in a sense of Infinite Security
Emanating from the Infinite, not the finite.

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82 Truth V Illusions

TRUTH v ILLUSIONS
RECONCILING GOD'S LAW WITH MAN'S LAW

My Dear Dean

A Truth occurred to me in meditation a few minutes ago!

You are **NOT** in breach

Whatever the Seller's angry accusations
You are **NOT** in breach

Like the Sellers
You properly and honourably
Performed each and all
your obligations

The Sellers have no argument with you
You are innocent
The 10 day delay in giving notice
Was *my* error, not yours

My error has consequences for me
Not for you
I have admitted my error
I have apologised
I will face the consequences, *not* you

I do so because
the error is crucifixion
the Truthful reaction is
Resurrection

But in all this
You are innocent
You are *not* in breach
Despite the blind angry hostile accusation of the Sellers

In Truth
The Sellers' hostility
Lies against *me*
Not against you

My error
Whatever its consequences *for me*
Is *not* your breach
It does *not* put you in breach

And there can be no cancellation

I am not unilaterally only your attorney
Acting conventionally only for you
As Purchaser
Against the Sellers

The Sellers agreed
Unforced and with light heart
To my appointment
As attorney to the sale

I am attorney to both Parties
And I am equally Truthful to both
My error and the Truth
Does not impugn you alone

If the Sellers realise this
They rise with me, with us
To Resurrection
In Truth

If they don't
They remain down at
The crucifixion
And 'forgive them, Lord, for they know not what they do'

If this be True, Dean
Then rise to such Truth
Remember It
Do not forget It

As you negotiate in
man's arena
Remain transcendently above it
In God's Truth

Act from God's transcendent
Truth
Looking down on the arena
Project God's Truth down into the arena

Witness the crucifixion
Down in the arena
From the transcendent innocent
Truth of the Resurrection

Do not meet the Sellers' illusory swords
Of alleged 'breach and cancellation'
Down in the arena
Rather project Truth into the arena

Truth is Light
Projection of Truth
Shines the Light of Truth
On the darkness of the illusions

And the illusions are not fought
With effort and fear down in the arena
The illusions dissipate in the Light
Effortlessly

Do not ask God to come onto your side
Go rather onto God's Infinite 'Side'
And fight for God, for Truth
Effortlessly...confidently...joyously

Do not seek the illusion
of 'victory'
Seek the Truth
'Seek and you shall find'

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83 Truth, Perception, Reality

TRUTH, PERCEPTION, REALITY²²⁹

Truth, we are told, is
what we see, hear
Feel, taste, and smell
Nothing else is real
... We seek the truth

What we sense
What we experience
Determines truth, to our minds
But what of the Mind of God?

What is Truth according to
The Mind of God? The Infinite Consciousness
The Creator?
What does God sense, experience?
... In His Mind, the Infinite Consciousness
in His Heart, the Holy Spirit

If we... the *finite* 'we's'
Exist 'within' the boundless Infinite
... God
As *must* be the case... self-evidently

Then our sense, our experience
Must be God's too
And there being only *One* Infinite
One God
Then our sense, our experience *is* God's
... not God's '*too*', not God's '*also*'... *just* God's
Just God's Infinite Oneness

And we come to understand
We come to realise
That we are *not* sensing or experiencing at all
God is sensing, experiencing *through* us

We are agents for God
We *are* God
We are extensions for God in
The Finite... remaining One with Infinite God
And in Infinite God there is no second to Infinite Oneness

And what does God *want* to experience?

²²⁹ Inspired by *A Course in Miracles*; Volume I Text; Chapter 24 The Goal of Specialness; The Meeting Place;
p 478

God is not passive, not object
God is both active and passive
Subject and object, both
There is nothing that is not God
Nothing that is not Infinite

God determines what He *wants* to experience
God is Master of his experiences
God wants Joy, not the opposite
There is no opposite in Infinite
In the Infinite Mind of God...Infinite Consciousness
And experienced in the Heart of God...Infinite or Holy Spirit

What does God *desire* to experience?
...Through us?
As the Infinite looks at Itself
Knows Itself?

We, as God, as the Infinite,
Desire beauty, desire Joy
To see, feel, taste, smell
To sense the opposite of Joy
Is not desired

There are no opposites in the Infinite
There is no separation, no division
Just the Infinite Oneness
Neither joy nor its opposite

In pursuit of Joy
In pursuit of knowing Itself
The Infinite Oneness
Creates or notionalises opposites

Creates or notionalises joy
And its opposite
Creates or notionalises subject
And its opposite – object

Subject to experience the object
...while the Infinite remains both subject & object
Experience the joy of knowing Itself
Within that relative phenomenon

Which relative phenomenon of necessity
Gives also the opposite of the joy being experienced
Although it is not what is wanted
And gives also the subject see
And the object to be seen
'while remaining still both...
In the Infinite Oneness

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Is not truth

84 Leonard Cohen

LEONARD COHEN

I regard Leonard Cohen's *Hallelujah* the furthest stretch of his spiritual search for Infinity, before commencing his retreat back to finite relativity in the world of the dimensions of time and space (time-space).

*Now I've heard there was a secret chord
That David played, and it pleased the Lord...
...The baffled king composing Hallelujah*

In ancient wisdom, 'secret' is the word used for the non-conventional work – dilettante work – pursued by those who desire to understand Infinity. There is no course for such work in the universities. Indeed the Professors look down on such 'dilettante' work and the people who desire to pursue such work. Like the ancient Rabbi's (the Pharisees, the Sadducees, and the Scribes) who looked down on and decried Jehoshua's (Jesus') attempts to correct and refresh their ignorant, superficial, non-transcendent understanding and teaching of the Scriptures, and thus brought about crucifixion of Jesus' body ...but inadvertently also concomitantly the resurrection of Jesus' Spirit.

...The 'baffled king'...

Baffled because he couldn't reconcile flesh and spirit. But that inability, that bafflement, is only experienced this side of non-transcendence (by the Non-Transcendent). The Transcendent are not baffled. The flesh is mere dust and is worthy of nothing – it can be crucified. Spirit is Infinite, It is eternal, and Divine – it resurrects if the body that hosted it is crucified. The body is finite, the Spirit Infinite. Embodied Souls who limit themselves to finite perception but who seek to 'find themselves', who seek the Divine Spirit, the Infinite Spirit, the Holy (etymologically 'whole' = Infinite)... which is exactly what they are... become baffled because the finite cannot find the Infinite... while paradoxically being the Infinite. Only by transcendence back into the Infinite (so to speak) can one reconcile the finite with the Infinite ...by realising that the finite is the Infinite. ...And we have found ourselves. But that is a 'secret'. ...Hence the secret chord (which pleased the Lord), and the baffled king, who knew it but couldn't quite understand it.

And nowhere in the poem does he (David/Leonard Cohen) transcend from the finite relative world of the dimensions of time and space into the Infinite, and thus he doesn't transcend his bafflement. And thus he remains the Infinite in essence but thinks he is finite and conducts himself as finite while being Infinite. And he is baffled. And in his baffled befuddlement he expresses (and composes) hallelujah (praise the Lord).

And the poem works its way through life (the baffled life of the Non-transcendent), and ends:

*I did my best, it wasn't much
I couldn't feel, so I tried to touch
I've told the truth, I didn't come to fool you
And even though it all went wrong
I'll stand before the Lord of song*

With nothing on my tongue but Hallelujah

Very close to transcendent knowledge of the secret chord, but not quite there. The baffled king composing, hallelujah.

As a result, Leonard Cohen's subsequent poetry until the end never rises above the dirge. Never rises up from death and darkness. It continues to "...walk through the valley of the shadow of death..."

*I caught the darkness, it was drinking from your cup
I caught the darkness drinking from your cup
I said is this contagious?
You said just drink it up
... etc (Darkness)*

And Leonard Cohen's final poem

*If you are the dealer, I'm out of the game
If you are the healer, I'm broken and lame
If thine is the glory, then mine is the shame
You want it darker
We kill the flame*

The Infinite Spirit (and resurrection)

Magnified, sanctified, be thy holy name

The body and its crucifixion

Vilified, crucified, in the human frame

The sense of futility as we "...walk through the valley of the shadow of death..."

A million candles burning for the help that never came

And death

*You want it darker
Hineni, hineni
I am ready, my lord
... etc (You want it Darker)*

Looking down to darkness and death (crucifixion of the finite body), instead of looking up to resurrection of the Infinite soul... to Life without death... And yet, *hallelujah*. The baffled king composing, *hallelujah*

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Earlier poem (17th Jan 2017)

Stan, like Leonard Cohen, is Jewish
Stan, like Leonard Cohen, is musical
Stan, like Leonard Cohen, loves music
Stan, like Leonard Cohen, love singing

Stan, like Leonard Cohen, looked outwards
Towards the Infinite
Stan returned back to the finite
Did Leonard Cohen?

David played a secret chord
That rose above, and pleased the Lord
The baffled king
Composing hallelujah

Leonard Cohen 'saw' the secret chord
That rose above and pleased the Lord
That transcended the finite
And reached the Infinite Lord

But Leonard Cohen, like David,
Remained baffled...
Could not rise above
And please the Lord

David's faith was strong
But he needed proof
If he needed proof
His faith was not Infinite, not Transcendent

If he needed proof
He was trying to see the Infinite
From the finite
He was trying to see Infinite God
From finite limitation

Anyone who transcends the finite
To the Infinite
Does not need proof
He knows the Infinite, he knows God

Anyone who cannot transcend
Cannot know Infinity from the finite
Cannot know God, cannot know himself
Remains baffled... like David

The baffled king composing, Hallelujah...

Perhaps Stan can transcend to
knowing Infinity
beyond bafflement
by singing all Leonard Cohen's verses

Perhaps that's Stan's dharma
His destiny

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I would love to hear
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85 Nicci The Pix & Eclipses

NICCI THE PIX & ECLIPSES

Yes, my darling daughter.

You, me, and eclipses

You and I shared the eclipse in the 1990's
At your home on the
South slope of Yeoville hill during
the height of my Rahu demolition

Demolition of my ego
Demolition of your marriage
Evolution both
Painful demolition both

But demolition cathartic
And cleansing,
Purgation, Transformation
And ...painful

Eclipse *shadows* the light
"as we walk through the valley
of the *shadow* of death"
then frees the light again...

enlightenment
light without *shadow*
Light without dark
Love without its opposite

18 years of Rahu (the Dragon's Head)
Rigidity and its collapse
Surrender of the ego
Disrobing to innocence

"How do you know you are naked?"
God asked Adam & Eve after
They tasted of the fruit of the
Tree of Knowledge of Good & Evil

Lack of innocence of their nakedness
Proved their guilt at having tasted of the Forbidden Fruit
No darkness, no shadow, innocent Light
Darkness, guilt, cover, shade, hide, guilt

And return to the light uncovered
Rebirth of Enlightenment

Innocence, Peace... Joy
But birth is pain

18 years of Rahu, which
brings rigidity, then collapses it
Followed by Guru's 13 years, which
Succours on the fertile innocence prepared by Rahu

Followed finally by Saturn of *Separation*, which
Brings *Separation*, then heals it
But only when the soul is prepared by
Rahu of Collapse, then Guru of Wisdom

"A sense of *separation* from God is
the only lack we really need correct
If that's the only *lack*, then all others are
Simply symbolic of the first & only *lack*"

And healing of that *lack*
Is the panacea which heals all *lack*
And brings wholeness... Infinity
Enlightenment... Peace and Joy

Peace beyond understanding
Joy beyond understanding
Transcendent Enlightenment
Beyond understanding...*Revelation*

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86 Infinite Vision

Infinite Vision

I see the Infinite God in everything I see
Because the Infinite God *is* everything I see
I see the Infinite God in everything I see
Because the Infinite God is what my mind sees.

The Infinite God *is* everything I see
The Infinite God *is* my mind
Whole, Holy, subject *and* object
Schrödinger's Cat and Love
Infinite Oneness, Indivisible, Inseparable

Atonement...At-One-Ment
Infinite Truth,
Infinite Love
Hear O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is One

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87 Finding Me

Finding Me

I've been to paradise but I've never been to me...²³⁰

I rest in God
And am as God made me²³¹

I rest in the Infinity that is God
And am as the Infinite God made me
Within God's Infinity
There is no *outside* God's Infinity

I *am* God's Infinity
God conceived me in
His Infinite Consciousness
The Mind of God

God manifested me in
His Infinite Spirit
The Holy²³² Spirit
The Heart of God

I *am* Infinite
Infinite Consciousness
Infinite Spirit
I *am* the Mind & Heart of God

Not part
Not separate
There is no part, no separate
...*All* of Infinity

The Garden of Eden is
The stage & setting
Mise en scène
In the Mind & Heart of God

Embodiment is
The device by which
God walks in his
Garden of Eden

I am the embodiment
The body, the device by
which God walks in his Garden
The Son of God

But seeming embodiment

²³⁰ Priscilla, Queen of the Desert

²³¹ A Course in Miracles

²³² Holy = Whole = Holistic = Infinite

Cannot contain my Infinite Spirit
Cannot impose limitations
Not created by Infinite God²³³

I remain Infinite Spirit
Unlimited, Omnipotent, Omniscient
I remain Holy Spirit
Unembodied and innocent

And I find Myself
Seemingly embodied, *seemingly* finite
Seemingly contained & limited
But *really* Infinite...

Having so found Myself intellectually
How do I *realise* that?
Render that real?
And live embodied but enlightened

Without leaving my body...?
Having my cake and eating it...
Enlightened Spirit yet seemingly embodied
That is my present search...

When I look, God sees
When I think, it is God
When I speak, God speaks
When I act, it is God...

And I never die
I drop my body,
I drop my embodiment
But *I*... live forever...

Please see contribution added by my friend, Faizel Katkodia, hereunder

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"The Infinite Oneness IS
"Absolute, Eternal
"Begets not, nor is begoten
"There is none 'like' The Absolute Eternal
"The One to whom the embodied soul & Spirit returns,
"in Oneness Sublime".

HAQ

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²³³ Paraphrased from *A Course in Miracles*

A Lamp in a Windless Place
Anthology of Poems, by Raymond Reichman-Israelsohn
2008.03.21

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88 'Me' is Infinity

'Me' is Infinity

*David played a secret chord
It rose Above and it pleased the Lord
But you don't really care for music, do you?
It goes like this
The fourth, the fifth
The minor fall, the major lift
The baffled king composing Hallelujah...*²³⁴

What is the *secret chord*?
What is the *fourth*?
What is the *fifth*?
What is the *minor fall*, the *major lift*?

Why did it *rise Above*?
Why did it *please the Lord*?
Why was David *baffled*?
Why did he *compose Hallelujah*?

Why must we "*really care for music*"?
Why do these words
Composed in their poetry
Touch our Hearts?

Perhaps, they are all *Sat*²³⁵
The fourth
The fifth
The minor fall
The major lift

Sat is the Infinite Consciousness, the Mind of God
Sat is the Infinite Spirit, the Heart of God
Sat is the Infinite Energy, the Strength of God
Enlightenment is life in *Sat*

The ignorant live in their minds
The enlightened live in *Sat*²³⁶
And in *Jyotish*²³⁷ the 4th, the 5th, the 9th, the 12th
Are *Sat*

The 4th House, the Sense of Belonging (home)

²³⁴ *Hallelujah* – Leonard Cohen

²³⁵ *Sat* (Sanskrit) From Vedic Wisdom: Right living, Spiritual Wisdom, having transcended the ego and its illusion of relative reality, and having been blessed to realise the reality of the Oneness of Infinity ... And realising *At-One-Ment*.

"Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is One"

²³⁶ Vedic Scriptures – Yoga Vasistha (Swami Venkatesananda)

²³⁷ *Jyotish* – Vedic Spiritual Astrology

The 4th Sun Sign, Cancer – the mind & its feelings
The 5th House, Knowledge
The 5th Sun Sign, Leo – the self (which *can* rise to the Self)

The 9th House, Dharma, Destiny, the cleansed path to Enlightenment²³⁸
The 9th Sign, Sagittarius & *Guru*²³⁹ – the beginnings of awakening
Following the 8th House of Transformation through Vulnerability
activated
And nurtured by Rahu²⁴⁰
The 8th House & Rahu being *The minor fall*

The 12th House, Enlightenment
The 12th Sign, Pisces – the grass before the Gates of Heaven
Following the 8th House of Transformation through Vulnerability
And the cleansed path of the 9th House
The 12th House activated & nurtured by *Ketu*²⁴¹ - Enlightenment
The major lift

The *Baffled King*
Before enlightenment
Before Infinity
Seeking Infinity – Hallelujah

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²³⁸ *Cleansed Path* – Cleansed by the Transformation offered by the previous 8th House (Transformation through Vulnerability) and Rahu, if understood & accepted

²³⁹ *Guru* (Sanskrit) - Jupiter

²⁴⁰ *Rahu* (Sanskrit) the Dragon's Head. Our Demons, our fear, rigidity & the breaking thereof. Shattering of the illusions of 'subject/object' relativity ("good & evil") in order to enable us to stand innocent & naked before God

²⁴¹ *Ketu* (Sanskrit) the Dragon's Tail (literally, *Banner* to which we look for direction in the battlefield of life). Enlightenment, which we achieve by confronting our demons (our fears) and emerging thus from the Dragon's Tail, without fear, having replaced fear with Love...Infinite Love, ...and standing innocent & naked before God

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The Classroom · Going Home

“If I so choose, I can depart this world entirely. It is not death that makes this possible; it is change of mind about the purpose of the world.

“If I believe it has a value as I see it now, so will it still remain for me. But if I see no value in the world as I behold it, nothing that I want to keep as mine or search for as a goal, it will depart from me. For I have not sought for illusions to replace the truth.”

*A Course in Miracles,
Volume II Workbook for Students · Part II What is Forgiveness? ·
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This world has but one purpose
Only one
Enlightenment
The world is a classroom for enlightenment

What is enlightenment?

It is to see the world
The purpose of the world
Clearly
In the light

What is the light?

The light of the Sun
The light of day
The ray of light that Einstein rode
To find the Quantum Light

The Quantum light?
The light we see with closed eyes
Transcendent Light
That lights the way Home

Why can we see it only with closed eyes?

It is the Light that God sees
The Light of Revelation
The Light of Infinite Consciousness
The Light of the Mind of God

The Light by which the Infinite, Subject
Saw the Infinite, Object
Within Infinite Consciousness – The Mind of God
In Infinite Revelation

The Light by which the Infinite Spirit
- The Heart of God

Felt the Infinite Oneness
In Infinite Divine Revelation

“...darkness was upon the face of the deep”
“...And God said – Let there be light and
“there was light
“And God saw the light that it was good...”²⁴²

And the Infinite God was Infinitely Enlightened

Such Infinite Enlightenment
Such Divine Revelation
To It's Infinite Self, of It's Infinite Self
Reveals also Infinite Divine Purpose

But such Infinite Purpose
Such Infinite Revelation
Is seen only in Infinite Light
with Infinite Eyes Divine
...embodied finite eyes closed

Seeing thus just the Light in which the
Infinite 'sees' the Infinite
Embodiment...bodies
are Enlightened

And we come Home
Which means realising that
We *were always* at Home
We simply didn't realise that
...and act accordingly

*“We who are one would recognise this day the truth about ourselves. We would **come home**, and rest in unity. For **there** is peace, and nowhere else can peace be sought and found.*

*“I will identify with what I think is refuge and security. I will behold myself where I perceive my strength, and **live** within the citadel where I am safe and cannot be attacked. Let me today seek not security in danger, nor attempt to find my peace in murderous attack. **I live in God.** In Him I find my refuge and my strength. **In Him is my identity.** In Him is everlasting peace. And only **there** will I remember Who I really am.*

*“Let me not seek for idols. I would come, my Father, **home** to You today. I choose to be as You created me. And I find the Son whom You created as my Self.”*

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In ancient Vedic Wisdom
In Vedic Scriptures

²⁴² Genesis 1 . 3-4

In *Jyotish*²⁴³
*SAT*²⁴⁴ is manifest in numbers 4, 5, 9, and 12

The fourth astrological House
Is *home* – the *sense of belonging*
Anyone who doesn't belong there
Is potential enemy

Only in the finite realm
Does the fourth house have boundaries
Outside of which the enemy
Can skulk

Extending the finite to the Infinite
Boundaries, limitations, disappear
Home is Infinite, Everyone belongs inside
There is no outside – there are no enemies

Infinite At-One-Ment

What is purpose?

*“Now, why should the universe be constructed in such a way that
atoms acquire the ability to be curious about themselves? That
surely is one of the great unexplained puzzles of science.”*

*Quantum Theory Cannot Hurt You,
The Magic Furnace : The Search for the Origin of Atoms
Marcus Chown*

It is not explained in science
It cannot
Because science concerns only the finite
And eschews the Infinite

Save perhaps for ‘Schrödingers Cat’
Explanation is only in spirituality
Infinite Spirituality
At-One-Ment of subject and object

Atoms are not ‘curious about themselves’
Atoms are *knowing* themselves
Subject & Object in Infinite reconciliation
Infinite Oneness without a second

‘Atom’ is merely an intellectual model
Like every phenomenon in the relative world of form
It doesn't exist other than as a model
It enters from and exits into the Infinite
It has a finite birth and a finite death
And exists forever in the Infinite...

²⁴³ *Jyotish* - Spiritual Astrology

²⁴⁴ *SAT* – The Holy Spirit. Purity and innocence of Infinite Being. The infinite Heart of God, acting in concert with the infinite Consciousness – The Mind of God.
*“The ignorant live in their minds.
The enlightened live in SAT”*

Imagine the Infinite
A nothingness infinitely pregnant
In whose breast a primal desire arises
So to speak

To know Itself
To know It's Infinite Self
Infinitely
Infinite Subject and Infinite Object

The dimensions necessary therefor, *Akasha*
Space, time, separation
Manifest by omnipotent, omniscient, Will
The Infinite Will of the Infinite God

And the Infinite God knows Itself
Infinitely
The atoms are not curious
And their modality transforms on enquiry
Is not a better model an ineffable
Infinite Oneness of Infinite Revelation?
Formless...wordless...Infinitely Divine²⁴⁵

Hear O Israel; the Lord our God, the Lord is One²⁴⁶

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²⁴⁵ “Through mottled light, I see
The Physicist's brilliant blindness
As in the labyrinth he seeks
And finds..., but wisdom eludes
As “God does not play dice”

“I see the Quarks as Mesons dance
And do not separate
While electrons spin up and down
And molecular Maya enhance
So what? The Yogi quietly whispers
Now close your eyes and see!”

A Lamp in a Windless Place, Poem 9, *Mottled Light*

²⁴⁶ Deuteronomy 6:4

90 Enlightenment

ENLIGHTENMENT A MALAISE IN ALLOPATHY – TO BE ‘CURED’ YET THE VERY MIND & HEART OF GOD – IN REALITY

I go, or try to go
straight to the fulcrum or nexus
between healing & allopathy
between Infinity & some psychosis

My central thesis, my world-view
Is Infinity
The realisation of which
Dissolves finity into infinity

Finity into illusion...
Totally – leaving finity non-existent
Merely a mind-model
Within Infinity’s reality

Reconciles finity into infinity
Reconciles dimension into *akasha*²⁴⁷
Time into eternity, space into universal relativity
Reconciles life into God’s dream

I wanted to be a medical doctor
But the *Ruach Hakodesh*, the Holy Spirit, wanted me
To understand the Resurrection
Not the crucifixion

The *Ruach Hakodesh* knew my *dharma*²⁴⁸ was
To seek and find
Finity’s illusion in
Infinity

The Holy Spirit – Infinite God
Not the body – finite illusion

My body is finite
It will end, like it began
My Spirit will not end
My Spirit did not begin

Quantum physics tells me
My body does not exist
It is merely God’s fabrication

²⁴⁷ *Akasha*: (Sanskrit) Dimensions: Time-Space

²⁴⁸ *Dharma*: (Sanskrit) Destiny

To house my ego-subject-self

Quantum physics tells me
When I reduce my body
Seeking an ultimate particle
An 'atom'
I find no ultimate particle
No wave
Just energy...
Emerging from and merging into Infinity

Like the number-line
No highest number
No lowest fraction
Just emerging from & merging into Infinity

Like time
No beginning
No end
Just emerging from & merging into Infinity

My body - an illusion
to enable me to walk in God's Dream
In God's Garden of Eden
To be the Subject, the ego
Experiencing the object, the garden
In all its five-fold sensory perceptions

It is the Consciousness which experiences,
Not the body
It is not my eye that sees,
It is Infinite God's Consciousness
Enabling Infinite God to see Himself – as subject
In His Infinite Garden of Eden – as object
Through me...as His embodied agent
Walking in His Garden of Eden

Infinite God
Remaining Infinite
At all times
And everywhere
And I *at-one* with Infinite God
As Infinite God created me

Remaining Infinite in His subject manifestation
Remaining Infinite in His object manifestation
Remaining Infinite in His seemingly finite experience
To know His infinite Self ... Infinitely

And my seemingly finite body
Is Infinite God's Created illusion

To house His Infinite Self
As my finite self...my illusory ego-subject

Everything remaining
At all times & everywhere
Infinite God
Infinite Consciousness
The Resurrection, not the crucifixion

The Mind of Infinite God
Infinite Consciousness²⁴⁹
The Heart of Infinite God
Ruach Hakodesh – the Holy Spirit
God's Body only in the sense of The Body of Christ

The Body of Christ
Embodiment, Subject-Ego only in the context of
realisation of its Infinite illusory service to
Ruach Hakodesh

Hence, I understand, I appreciate
Why the *Ruach Hakodesh* didn't want me to
Devote my life to studying the body
To studying a finite illusion
And turning thus away from Infinite God

My body, a seeming manifestation of Infinite Consciousness
...of the Mind of God in Infinite Perfection
But falling to imperfection
Falling to illness...

The fall is not a physical illness
The fall is not a physical fall
It is a mistake of the intellect – *pragya aparadh*²⁵⁰
The fall is psychosomatic, not physical

Perfection or imperfection are psychic choices, not physical
Perfect health "in the image of God"²⁵¹ or
Imperfect health by mistake of the ego-self

²⁴⁹ Infinite Consciousness *aka* Unity Consciousness *aka* Cosmic Consciousness

²⁵⁰ *Pragya aparadh*: (*Sanskrit*) A mistake of the intellect (or perhaps rather *the* mistake of the intellect) a (or *the*) misunderstanding of the nature of *maya* and thus the ignorant confusion of apparency for reality.

Maya - (*Sanskrit*) Measurement = *Quantum* of the Ancient Wisdom (*quantum* also meaning measurement; quantum = how much? What is the quantity?)

²⁵¹ "...when Abram was ninety years old and nine,
"the Lord appeared to Abram, and said unto him,
"I am the Almighty God;
"walk before Me and be thou perfect" Genesis 17.1

Exercising its freewill to forget its *at-onement* with Infinite God

Perfection or imperfection are separate
They are opposites
Waiting to be chosen
By free-will of the subject-ego

Why would I, made in the image of God, choose
Imperfection rather than perfection?
Does 'imperfection' exist?
Does 'hate' exist? ... 'evil'?

I have been warned not to taste of
The Fruit of the Tree of Knowledge of Good & Evil
Does 'evil' exist? ... 'imperfection'?
Or do they merely *seemingly*
emerge from & merge into the Infinite God
The Infinite Mind of the Infinite God – Infinite Consciousness
The Infinite Heart of the Infinite God – *Ruach Hakodesh*

In Infinity there is no
Separation, no opposites
Love is not defined by hate
Good is not defined by evil

And Infinity alone exists
Finity cannot emerge from Infinity
Infinity having no boundary
Finity exists within Infinity

If we transcend finity
Transcend its seeming boundaries
And realise its seeming existence within Infinity
We can, and do, live in Infinity

We live in the Infinite Mind of the Infinite God – Infinite Consciousness
We live in the Infinite Heart of the Infinite God – The Holy²⁵² Spirit
Living 'in' Infinity
We reconcile 'good' & 'evil'
We reconcile 'perfect' & 'imperfect'
We do not choose heaven over hell – we reconcile the seeming separation

Does God consult a doctor?
Does God endure an MRI?
Does God take (finite) pills?
Who am I?... What does my freewill choose?

At my age of 73

²⁵² Holy: Whole, the whole of Infinity – and thus sacred...Holy

My sole search is for enlightenment
For what will come with me when I go Home
For what will not
For the blessing of right choice

I understand from TM²⁵³ research
within the context of what I have said above
That my meditation & sutras in my search
Render subtle desirable changes in my brain & neurosystem

If correct, albeit unconventional,
Is it possible that my meditation & sutras
My intense desire for enlightenment
Render subtle desirable changes in my brain & neurosystem
Rather than allopathically diagnosed stroke damage?²⁵⁴

If my diagnosis is not mere fancy
And folly
Then dopaquel⁸ is prophylactic
Against enlightenment

And more than that
Dopaquel's soporific side effect
Is frightening in its morning
hangover & possible addictiveness

And paradoxically, pre-dopaquel

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254 "Dear Mr Reichman-Israelsohn

"I received back your MRI brain scan – the news is not great, unfortunately. The scan shows you have suffered many small strokes which are mainly in the front part (the executive functional brain areas) of the brain. As we discussed at the consultation this was my concern and unfortunately the scan confirms this. The scan also shows significant narrowing of 60-65% on the right front main blood vessel (the carotid). Surgery is only indicated in narrowing more than 70% so we don't need to consider surgery like your brother. Rather I would recommend strengthening the blood thinner from Ecotrin to a drug called clopidogrel. I attach a script for this. The strokes do mandate strict medication adherence to lower risk as well as the vital importance of always and continuing to using your CPAP machine.

"Unfortunately some of my patients with similar strokes to yours have developed frank psychosis from disruption in their frontal brain circuits. To ward such a catastrophic event I have recommended the dopaquel medication which I would reaffirm as strongly recommended.

"I am sorry for this news but we can do something to lessen risk of decline so it is better to know and do our best to minimise further decline.

"I attach a very technical report of your brain scan for your records as well as a script for the switch from Ecotrin to the new clopidogrel. It is paramount that you inform all pharmacists/doctors you consult that you are on clopidogrel once you are taking it so that any drug interactions can be avoided.

"I would like to review your progress in 2-3 months.

Regards

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I welcomed night-time insomnia
As invitation to meditation and
Silent work towards enlightenment

Also, I am reminded of my 1994
Psychologist's diagnosis of
Perfectionism as a malaise to be cured
when paradoxically a Seeker
seeks perfection as an innocent necessity to enlightenment²⁵⁵

And I include in this thesis
My meditation, my deep meditation
In the claustrophobic MRI machine
In order to endure it
And the concomitant changes in my brain & neurosystem

So, the MRI was reading my brain
In a state of deed meditation
and transcendence
which radiate a unique brain pattern

Is it possible
That the physicians misinterpret
A deeply desirable mind-state
As a malaise to be cured?
Being unaware of the former and trained in the latter

Like the psychologist who diagnoses
Perfection as a malaise to be cured
While God urges perfection for enlightenment⁹
Within awareness of distinction between
Finite perfection & Infinite Perfection
Between 'Hollywood love' & the Love of God

Relative to the MRI claustrophobia and my handling thereof
It was the same as my handling of my not infrequent dreams
or epiphanies in which I am imprisoned in a coffin
the coffin being my body

Like the MRI claustrophobia
I meditated on the fact that I am not my body
I am Infinity and cannot be imprisoned in a body

²⁵⁵ Please see Poem 68 *Perfection in A Lamp in a Windless Place*
And see Ken Wilber's *No Boundary* [ISBN 0-394-74881-6 pbk] p 73

"Orthodox psychology, in defining man's real self as ego, has to describe unity consciousness (*Cosmic Consciousness – The Mind of God*) as a breakdown of normality, as an aberration of consciousness or as an altered state of consciousness. But once unity consciousness is seen as man's natural self, his only real self, then the ego may be understood as an unnatural restriction and constriction of unity consciousness. Indeed, every level of the spectrum can be understood as a progressive bounding, or limiting, or constricting of one's real self, of unity consciousness and no-boundary awareness."

In the MRI machine I left my body and floated free in Infinity

Which facts & circumstances
I map onto my memory of
Epiphanies or dreams
nuances and
levels of perception

My epiphanies or dreams of
Being imprisoned in my body
As a coffin
And having to fly out of bed
Outside into the night to gaze at the stars
And meditate my reality of freedom
From embodiment...

My epiphanies or dreams of
Infinity
Free of the dimensions of
Space-time (*akasha*)

And now, as a line of evolution
I seek only *at-one-ment* within Infinity
Which will come with me
When I go Home

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