

Finding Your Soul

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Love your self with purity and respect.
Love others with compassion and gentleness.
Love God with honor and truth.

Trust that your life was pre-planned.
Trust that life is divinely ordered.
Trust that nothing can happen to you that is not supposed to.

Everyone is learning the lesson of forgiveness.
Everyone has a spark of light that is expanding.
Everyone has their own journey.

– Don Durrett

Introduction

When I began writing metaphysical books, I had one goal in mind: I wanted to expose people to what I had learned. I wanted to expand the reader's awareness as my awareness had been expanded. I have learned that awareness is the most fundamental aspect of life. Awareness is the understanding of who we are and what life is about.

Awareness can be expanded by learning about metaphysics (beyond the physical). With this knowledge you no longer have to live with a narrow view of reality. Instead you can have a much broader view of who you are and what life is about. This book is about exposing you to that broader view. If this is your first exposure to metaphysical concepts, you should find this material fascinating.

Metaphysical knowledge is real and will make you think about life from a new perspective. Many of your current beliefs will be exposed as false, and this will force you to reconsider what you believe. Metaphysical knowledge can change the way you think, and thus your life. It is literally the truth that can set you free.

I have used a story based in the near future to explain metaphysical concepts. Although the story provides an entertaining background, I use it to convey concepts. I am not sure if all of the concepts in this book are correct. At this time I believe them to be, but only time will tell.

The concepts in this book are my truths. For this reason I suggest

that you find correlating data before you accept these ideas as your own. I do not think you can find your truth using one source. That is what spirituality is all about—finding *your* truth.

I based the plot of this book on a Nostradamus prediction. At one time his prediction of a world war led by an Arab antichrist was a possible future. Thank goodness it did not transpire, leaving this book a fictional story that will not happen. The prediction was as follows: the so-called antichrist rises to power in the Middle East; the world economy collapses; the antichrist cajoles the world into accepting him as a legitimate, peaceful world leader; then the antichrist starts his world war to conquer the world.

The purpose of all my books is to help people understand and prepare for the coming changes to civilization. Although we are not going to have a world war, the one overriding theme I use in all of my books is the imminent end of current civilization. I believe 100% that we are at the cusp of a transition into a new civilization. And this is not going to happen in the distant future, but during our lifetimes.

The basis of this transition is spiritual in nature. Civilization is going to literally transform spiritually. Instead of a civilization that is fragmented with an array of different cultures, countries, and religions, we are going to come together as a global community based on spirituality and human values. This will occur as people recognize the inherent divinity that we each hold and the inherent *oneness* of life.

How could this happen? How could people believe in the *oneness* of life? Well, many people already do, and this number is increasing every day. Steadily we are progressing spiritually to the point where it will be common knowledge and accepted across the globe.

This vision may seem far-fetched, but the inevitability of this outcome will become apparent very soon; my estimate is sometime between

2016 and 2018. Once we become aware of our divinity, everything will change. The world will become a love-based civilization instead of a power-based one. We are going to get along with each other, and love will reign. So, no matter how bad it appears to get over the next few years, the outcome will be wonderful. However, before you get giddy with excitement, the transition period will be quite tumultuous, and many will perish. For those fortunate enough to survive the chaotic transition period from 2012 to approximately 2035, the future will be everything we want it to be and more: a utopian paradise.

So now you know why I write the books that I write. I want to help people prepare for this coming new world. And because the foundation will be a new spiritual philosophy, that is the basis of my writings. Although I most likely do not have it completely right, I am close. Moreover, by reading this material you will be much more prepared for the future than the average person who has had no exposure to metaphysics.

Foreword

I remember last year well. For me, it began in Ireland. I had been asked to go to Europe to talk with the Underground about the New Age movement. At the time I had no idea this would be the first in a series of unexpected events...

Chapter One

Ireland

I walked along a path next to a short stone wall. Everywhere I looked there was bright green grass and low stone walls to keep in the sheep. I constantly glanced at the beautiful, green rolling hills off in the distance. It was stunning. I was on my way to a pub to meet with several members of the Underground. It was chilly out, and the wind was gusting. My jacket was barely keeping me warm.

I was in a small village just outside Dublin. I had arrived yesterday via a 747 from Los Angeles. I had come as a favor to friends of mine in the New Age movement. There had been a request from the Underground for a meeting with a New Age leader.

In no way was I a New Age leader. I was anything but. I led a very low-profile lifestyle. I was a teacher. I taught metaphysical knowledge at an obscure, tiny school in California. Many New Age leaders, however, were my friends.

It was my friendship with these leaders that had sent me twelve hours across the Atlantic. I had agreed to come, but not as a member of any organization. This was not the beginning of my association with the leadership. In many respects, I don't know why I had agreed to come. It didn't fit my normal behavior.

I found the pub and entered. Darkness. I sat down on a bar stool and

waited for the bartender. The few people at the bar paid no particular attention to me. A fire burned in the fireplace, and it was cozy and warm. A calico cat was curled asleep near the fire.

It was an old pub. The walls were made of wood and smelled of rot from decades of decay. I glanced at the numerous kegs of beer aligned behind the bar. I searched for Samuel Smith's, but it was not to be found.

"What will it be, lad?" he asked.

"Water will be fine, thank you," I replied.

When he heard my accent his demeanor changed. He squinted his eyes and looked me over carefully.

"Are ye looking for Jimmy, then?" he asked.

I nodded.

"This way, lad," he said.

He turned and walked down the hall to the back of the bar. I followed. He opened a door to a back room and ushered me in. There in front of me were four men sitting around a table, drinking beer and smoking cigarettes.

"Here's your visitor, Jimmy."

"Thanks, Danny," Jimmy replied.

Danny, the bartender, closed the door on his way out. I looked at the four gentlemen. They were all dressed in local workingman clothes, but they were not all locals. Who were these guys? And what did they really want? I had been pondering these questions for the last two weeks. The New Age leaders didn't know. They told me a request had come from the Underground in Europe for information regarding the New Age movement in America. The Underground had requested someone to come and explain what the movement was about.

Jimmy rose from his chair and came around the table to meet me.

He extended his hand and gave me a warm smile. I had the impression that he was a local Irishman.

“It’s a pleasure to meet you, John,” he said in his deep Irish accent.

The others were quickly on their feet, extending their hands. I shook each in turn. They all had strong grips and intensity in their eyes. Jimmy, however, was the only one with enthusiasm. The others were more reserved. I noticed quickly that only Jimmy was Irish. The others were European—and tough looking. Most likely they were soldiers in the Underground.

“Have a seat, John,” Jimmy said. “We have a lot to talk about. Would you like a beer?”

“Water would be good,” I said.

“Okay, I’ll be right back,” Jimmy said as he left the room.

I glanced at the three Europeans. What did these men want? There was silence as we found our respective chairs. One of the Europeans turned on a tape recorder. The room was nondescript, with bare wooden walls and a single light overhead. The floor was dirty cement, although recently swept. I had the impression this room may have been used to play cards.

We waited for Jimmy to return. He came back and placed a glass of ice water in front of me. “Thank you,” I said.

One of the Europeans began talking. “You’re here because you were specifically requested by the leader of the Underground. One of your students volunteered into the Underground a few years ago. We call him Newager. He tries to teach others your New Age principles: that we are *all* eternal; that this life is just another experience added to our soul; that God loves *all* equally; and on.”

“He never stops talking,” added one of the other Europeans,

sardonically.

We all laughed, and the tension in the room left.

This was news to me. I had not been told that I had been specifically requested.

“The leader wants to hear your opinions. What is this war about? What is the meaning of it? The war has been going on for many years and it is stalemated. Europe is turning into an eternal battlefield.

“Also, he is curious about the impact the New Age movement is having on the world. How strong is it in America? Is it going to be exported to the rest of the world?” He finished and waited for my reply.

I paused in contemplation. “So, we have this conversation, and it’s recorded for the leader? Then what?”

The same European who had been speaking shrugged. “Who knows? We’re just following orders. I like Newager, and I talk to him a lot, as does the leader. We want to find out more.”

The other Europeans smoked their cigarettes and remained quiet.

“What’s your name?” I asked the European who had been doing the talking.

“Renan.”

“Nice to meet you, Renan. Okay, let’s talk. I came a long ways. I might as well answer your questions.”

“Tell us about New Age spirituality,” he said, taking a drink from his pint of Guinness.

I nodded. “Now, some of what you hear today may make little sense. It might sound bizarre, strange, and quite unbelievable. But, before I begin, I want you to understand that I’m not making this up. Knowledge has been released that explains the answers to all of the questions that have plagued humankind. Who are we? Why are we here? What is the meaning

of life? I, as well as many others, possess this knowledge.”

The seriousness in my voice got their attention. One of the quiet Europeans actually gasped. The truth can be unsettling. As such, I try not to expose people to the truth who can't handle it. This was not such an occasion.

“So, you want to know about New Age spirituality? Okay, I'll tell you. The planet Earth and the other billions of planets in the universe reside on the physical plane. The physical plane is an illusion. It is nothing more than vibrating energy. I pounded on the table. This is not a table. It is energy vibrating to appear to be a table. The raw material of the physical plane is only one thing—energy. Everything is made of the same thing, but more than that, it is the consciousness of *God*. To repeat, *all* energy encompasses the consciousness of God.”

“Are you saying that this table is God?” Renan asked with a look of curiosity.

I nodded. “Not only is God this table, but the table is *alive*. God is the physical plane. God is you. God is me. But more than that, there is no separation between God and *anything*. God is absolute. God is all. Thus, *we* are God and so is the table. I repeat: *there is no separation* between God and anything.”

“Whoa,” Renan said. “Slow down. How can that be? How can God be *everything*?”

“Simple. God cannot create anything unless it is from God. Thus, all energy comes from God and is a part of God.”

“Wow, that's fascinating, John,” Jimmy said. “God is the one all-knowing absolute.”

I nodded. “Just like your body is aware of every cell in your body, God is aware of every cell in God's body.”

“So,” Jimmy said, “God’s body encompasses everything?”

I nodded. “God is energy, but more than that, God is consciousness. God is a pervasive consciousness that pervades and interrelates and directs everything. Every atom, every molecule, is connected to God. Everything has God’s consciousness and thus is impacted by God.

“God is the absolute, but is also constantly changing and evolving. There is only *one* source, and that is God. There is no duality with God. There is no counter-balance. God *is* perfection, and all of God’s creations *are* perfection. You, me, *everything*, was created in perfection. We have no blemish. We are eternal. What we perceive to be imperfection is nothing more than an illusion. God does not play with dice. Everything is perfectly orchestrated.”

“You say this with such confidence,” Renan said. “How can you *know*?”

“As I said earlier, knowledge has been released over that last fifty or so years. The veil with the other side—the spiritual plane—has been lowered and many people have been able to communicate with the other side. It began to proliferate in the 1960s, with Jane Roberts, and has continued to this day.

“Now, let’s go back to my explanation. This planet was created by God to experience life as if anew. From these experiences on the physical plane we have the opportunity to evolve as individual pieces of God. God does not need to evolve, but can. We provide that opportunity as individual aspects of God. That is the only reason for the physical plane to exist. All of our brothers and sisters currently here are experiencing in order to evolve and grow spiritually. We do it in cooperation.”

Jimmy laughed. “There doesn’t seem to be much cooperation with the antichrist.”

Everyone joined him.

“It may appear that way, but at the core level of our souls, we are all cooperating. We are all equals playing our roles. The differences that we perceive are only illusions. Underneath the façade is God.”

“God is the antichrist?” Jimmy said incredulously.

I nodded.

Renan looked into my eyes with a serious expression. “You mean there are no differences from the good guys and the bad guys?”

I took a drink of water. “Exactly. It’s just God experiencing life. Everyone and everything you see is God. Not only that, but everything is connected. For this reason, there are no accidents, and everything is done in cooperation.”

Renan grimaced, as if in pain, “Murder is done in cooperation?”

I nodded. “What happens to us in this lifetime happens only with our agreement and acceptance. Nothing happens by chance. Everything that can happen is planned beforehand. We know exactly what we are getting into before we are born. Like I said, God doesn’t play with dice.”

Renan let out a gush of air. “That’s hard to accept.”

“I know,” I said. “That’s why unconditional love is so rare on this planet.”

No one replied, so I continued. “The complexity of our lives on the physical plane is staggering. There is nothing simple about it. Most people perceive they are alone. Nothing could be further from the truth. No one is alone. We all have a higher self—the soul—who watches over us and directs us. We also have guides, often called *guardian angels*, who watch over us and direct us. And then there is God, the *controlling force* that watches out for everyone’s interest.”

“Does that mean God is directing the war?” Renan asked.

“God is involved, but so is our free choice. However, nothing happens by chance. Everything is decided by our choices, which are based on beliefs. Thus, the war didn’t occur because of one man—the AC. That’s not how it works. Everything is planned in advance on the spiritual plane. In fact, everything has already happened.”

Jimmy stared at me in disbelief and then shook his head. “Already happened? How can that be?” He pleaded with me as if the knowledge were too much to bear.

“How can it *not* be?” I replied. “Haven’t you heard of people who have known the future? Nostradamus or Edgar Cayce? Or people who have dreams of events that then occur? How can people know the future if it hasn’t already happened? That’s how life is perfect, because everything has already happened. Life is just rewind or replay.”

Jimmy ran his fingers through his long matted hair, contemplating the ramifications. He wasn’t sure what to believe. “What about free choice?”

“There are many possible futures,” I said. “We have free choice to decide which future to live. We can end this war tomorrow if enough people tire of it.”

No one replied, so I continued. “Before we incarnate we are shown scenes of potential lives and the experiences we could have. We get to choose which life we want to lead. All of it is based on the fact that these lives have *already* occurred. You may ask, how could this be? If you think the movie *The Matrix* was interesting, multiply the imagination of the creator of *The Matrix* by a billion and you come close to the imagination of God. God imagined many, many scenarios for Earth. We are just playing some of those scenarios back.”

I paused and took a drink of water. I scanned my guests to see if

they were paying attention. Jimmy and Renan were intrigued and interested. The other two Europeans thought I was nuts.

I continued. “Think of the complexity of nature. How clouds form and create storms and how they disperse and create sunshine. The complexity of nature is controlled by the consciousness of God, and *so are we*. Everything is interrelated, and nothing is separate—and the controlling force is God.

“God is the source of everything, because it was God’s imagination that created everything. There are no mistakes and no accidents, because, before it happens, it was already God’s imagination. All outcomes have already been imagined, and only those outcomes can come to pass.”

“Why would God imagine war? Why?” Renan pleaded.

“To experience the infinite,” I replied. “We see carnage that appears heinous. Logically it appears absurd that God would imagine this, but God imagines both positive and negative experiences. God imagines and attempts to experience *all* possibilities. We are the means that allow God to experience. We are the eyes and ears. We experience what God has imagined.”

“Are you saying,” Renan said, “that life is like a video game. That it isn’t real? That it doesn’t matter what happens?”

“I’m going to throw up,” Jimmy said. “How can God be so evil?”

I took another drink of water. “Evil is an illusion. It’s simply the word *live* spelled backwards. Evil is living without harmony. As I’ve said, life is perfect. Why? Because it’s already happened—it’s an illusion. To God, all experience is an imagination, and God knows all the outcomes.”

“It sounds too incredible,” Jimmy said defiantly.

I hesitated at his defiance, wondering if he had something else to say.

“I’m sorry,” Jimmy said, embarrassed. “Keep talking, we’re not here to argue with you. This tape’s for the leader, not us.”

“It’s okay,” I said. “I don’t mind your feedback.”

He nodded.

I continued. “We incarnate on the physical plane to play a role. Our roles have many variations and free choice allows us to choose among those variations. Within every role is the potential to choose positive or negative outcomes. We are all tested. We all have the option of choosing only positive experiences.”

Jimmy smiled. “Oh, now I understand. God imagines negative experiences, but we don’t have to choose them. We don’t have to choose war.”

I nodded and returned his smile. “Exactly. We have the choice to go either way, and God allows us to choose. When we live on the spiritual plane everything is in harmony. We know who we are and only choose positive experiences. We incarnate on the physical plane to experience something different and to evolve as aspects of God.

“Physical planets allow us to experience the full array of emotions, something that is not possible on the spiritual plane. Some of these planets, such as Earth, provide extreme negativity, but this is not bad or evil. God desires to experience both the negative and the positive. Otherwise it would not be.”

“That kind of makes sense,” Renan said. “How else can we learn other than from our mistakes?”

I nodded. “And in heaven we can’t make mistakes. Most souls on this planet are lacking in spiritual awareness and make mistakes right and left. These mistakes add to their karma and require many more incarnations to attain enlightenment.

“Mature and old souls have incarnated many times and have achieved a degree of spiritual wisdom. This wisdom curtails their mistakes and allows them to have mostly positive experiences. This planet has been conducive to young and immature souls who desire negative experiences. This is about to change as those with spiritual wisdom begin to exert more influence.”

“So, the New Age movement is going to stop the war?” Renan asked seriously.

I laughed. “Not quite. Let me try to help you understand the current state of evolution on this planet. This planet has had an interesting history. Before this civilization, there have been many others. For example, the civilization of Atlantis thrived thousands of years ago. They were actually more advanced than we are today and lived in peace and harmony for thousands of years. Then they destroyed themselves. Why? What happened?”

“Civilizations always rise and fall. It is natural for civilizations to collapse. In fact, all civilizations eventually perish, although, most do not perish turbulently but instead evolve in harmonious ways. For instance, the next civilization on this planet shall live in relative harmony for approximately six thousand years. However, even that civilization shall perish.

“Today we are experiencing the end of the current civilization. What happened to Atlantis is repeating. It all comes down to God’s imagination, and God always imagines an ending. It just happens to be the time for the birth of new civilization, and the new civilization will be based on New Age thought.

“Each planet and each civilization has its own, unique experiences. This planet’s experiences have been very volatile, and the array of

experiences have been diverse. Terra—the actual name of this planet—is widely respected on the spiritual plane for the experiences it provides.

“The majority of the people in America are either young souls or early-stage mature souls. People at this level have very little conception of the reality of *oneness*. They believe that each of us is alone and separate from God and that a capricious God determines our fates.

“What makes us young souls or old souls is our level of awareness. Eventually we all become wise old souls. The average person on this planet has lived over a hundred lives on the physical plane, attempting to obtain spiritual wisdom. Many old souls, such as myself, have lived more than a thousand.

“In addition to our levels of awareness, the planet itself has a level of awareness. This is the reason the planet is about to begin a new civilization. Enough people have been born in recent years with high levels of awareness to create a change. Or, I should say, God imagined enough wise old souls to create a new civilization.”

Renan asked. “Enough people are becoming spiritually aware to create a change?”

I nodded. “Yes, enough to create a revolution. Indeed, to create a new civilization based on love.”

Jimmy’s eyes widened. “Peace on Earth?”

I nodded. “Soon. During our lifetimes.”

“Keep talking, then. I’m listening,” Jimmy said in his thick Irish accent.”

“Our lives are determined by the planet’s mass consciousness—our collective beliefs. Everyone who presently lives here on this planet contributes to it. It is our thoughts and our beliefs that make up this consciousness. Also understand that this consciousness is dynamic—it is

fluid. The interrelation between our consciousness and the planet's consciousness is complex and ongoing, yet ordered."

"My God," Renan said with a sense of awe, "I'm starting to understand. As more and more people become aware, they affect this mass consciousness. Then the mass consciousness creates new experiences based on what we ask for—from our beliefs and thoughts."

I smiled. "You're catching on. The current war that we find ourselves in is a natural result of the mass consciousness. It is not right or wrong, it simply is. It is the result of our collective beliefs. It is an experience we have collectively selected. It is nothing more, and nothing less. There is no underlying meaning. Life simply is."

I stopped and took a sip of water.

"My God, lad, you're making sense," Jimmy said, somewhat rattled.

Renan unfolded a piece of paper. "We have some questions."

I nodded. "Okay."

He read from the sheet of paper. "Is the New Age movement having an impact on America?"

I nodded. "Very much so. It's having a huge impact. Metaphysics is increasingly becoming accepted by mainstream society, and more so every day. We have metaphysical healing centers across the nation, where many of the healers are children, and thousands of people go every day. The mass media and entertainment shows are littered with metaphysical topics. This movement will be the foundation for the next civilization, and that is becoming more apparent to people every day. The principles of this movement are spreading across the world and will be accepted by the entire planet.

"The movement has not yet affected the war. This war was put in motion centuries ago and will be played out. The war will end in the year

2027, when the continents shift and much of the current land mass goes underwater. Approximately one billion people will survive to start the next civilization.”

“How many?” asked one of the reticent Europeans in a daze.

“One billion. The planet is going to depopulate.”

“You’re kidding, right?” Jimmy asked.

I shook my head.

Jimmy believed me. He let out a long breath. I could tell he was affected emotionally.

“What exactly is the New Age movement?” Renan read from his list.

“The understanding of reality—much of what I have tried to explain to you today. We tend to think that nature is separate from us and that it is under the domain of some mystical, separate force we call Mother Nature. Such is not the case. Our lives and the planet itself are integrated in very complex ways. Not one thought from any form of consciousness goes unnoticed by God. All is interrelated and all has impact, and it is God who is the uniting force that directs everything.

“In simple terms: if the majority of us believe in harmony, then we shall live in harmony; if the majority of us believe in disharmony, then we shall live in disharmony. God simply accepts our wishes. God imagines many scenarios and then directs outcomes based on our choices. We select the civilization we desire, not God. But then, we are God, so it’s kind of a chicken-and-egg question. The bottom line is that *we* create reality. We create the experiences we want based on our collective beliefs.

“An analogy can be made with a musical instrument. The instrument is God; but God does not play the instrument, we do. It is our free choice to select the chords. Of course, because our consciousness is connected to the

ALL, God influences what we play.

I took a drink of water. The ice had melted but it was still cold. I felt the conversation was winding down.

“I have said very little about how God affects our lives. I mentioned that every thought is received by God and that everything interrelates. Thus, it is our thoughts that intermesh with God. We choose to either live in harmony or live in disharmony by our thoughts. Thus, it is our beliefs—which manifest as thoughts—that create our reality. Our thoughts are our consciousness. And our thoughts are more tangible than we care to believe. Thoughts are energy. Thoughts are real. God uses them literally to manifest our lives.

“We can choose to live by our wills—following our egos—or we can live by the will of God. If we choose God, then we can live by trust and love. We can trust that our lives are pre-planned and divinely ordered. This allows us to embrace the outcome and be accepting of what comes our way. This will eliminate or reduce fear from our lives. If we live by love, we can love ourselves and live pure lives free of temptations. We can also love humanity and the planet, thereby being compassionate and caring.”

Renan raised his hand. “I’m not quite clear. God directs our lives according to how we think? We get what we ask for?”

I nodded. “Each of us has a set of beliefs that determine our thoughts. It is these thoughts that create our reality—our individual realities and the planet’s reality. *Everything* is determined by our beliefs. God takes the inputs—our beliefs—and determines the outputs according to God’s imagination. It’s a natural process. There is no judgment involved. Life simply is. It all fits perfectly.

“For instance, we choose to be happy, anxious, or fearful. If we are grateful that God has given us the gift of eternal life and this lifetime as an

opportunity to evolve our souls, then we should be happy. We should be happy for every breath we can take no matter the circumstance. If we are trusting that our lives are pre-planned and divinely ordered, there is nothing to fear. If we live pure lives, only doing those things that God would approve of, then there is no reason to be anxious.”

“I think I understand,” Renan said. “We each create our own lives based on what we believe and think.”

I nodded. “However, it is not easy to live a pious life. The ego is strong and convinces us that the world is real. It then uses temptation and fear to poison our minds. To make matters worse, most of our beliefs are preset. In fact, we put most of our lives in motion before we are born.”

“What do you mean?” Renan asked puzzled.

“We have all pre-selected our lives. We have all chosen unique personalities that are specific to this lifetime. Again, these personalities are illusions, one-time roles. Our personalities consist of a combination of memories of the soul, planetary alignments at birth, conditioning from society, as well as other factors. Our personalities and beliefs are designed for a purpose. We know before we are born what we are going to believe. There is no mystery.”

“Interesting,” Renan said. “Before we are born, we know who we are going to be, so we have a pretty good idea of what we will believe. And since our beliefs direct our lives, we have a pretty good idea of the outcomes of our lives as well.”

I nodded. “We are all conditioned what to believe by society to a certain extent, for instance by our parents—but we know this is going to happen before we are born. No one can escape society, no matter where they grow up. However, society serves a purpose. It provides the beliefs that we uniquely need in our souls’ development. In fact, we choose a specific

life that will instill a set of beliefs that we can use to learn specific lessons. Our beliefs then provide the experiences we require to grow spiritually.”

“I’ve never thought of life like that,” Renan said intrigued, finishing the last of his pint.

“Now, what is society?” I asked rhetorically. “It is an expression of God. God and society are interchangeable. Remember, God is *everything*. So, if the society in which we live *is* God, what should that mean to us? The understanding of that truth should change everything. For instance, we should no longer wish to experience war or destroy the planet.”

Jimmy smiled. “Lad, if you could convince enough people of these ideas we could end the war.”

I shook my head. “We can prevent the *next* war, but this one is going to run its course.”

“What do you mean, Lad?” Jimmy asked.

“This is the *last* war. The next civilization is not going to want to fight anymore.”

“That sounds good to me,” Jimmy said.

“Okay, one last question,” Renan said. “What is the New Age movement trying to accomplish?”

I contemplated. “Several things. First, it is attempting to awaken people to the oneness of life, which is God. Second, it is attempting to awaken people to their inherent divinity. And third, it is attempting to create a new spirituality.”

Renan smiled. “I have a follow-up question. What kind of new spirituality?”

“An individual-based spirituality, with each person determining his or her own unique spirituality, with his or her own beliefs. The only shared beliefs are that God is *all* and that reincarnation is the fundamental reason

we are here. Meaning that we are here to learn and evolve. Also, no organized religions are part of this new spirituality, it is strictly individually based.”

I paused. “Do you want me to go into more detail for the basis of this new spirituality?”

He nodded. “Please.”

“We are God, and God is us. We are part of the God-force, and the God-force controls everything. God is part of you and part of me. In fact, we are one. The perception of separation is an illusion.

“We cannot escape our connection with God. We can attempt to deny our divinity and live by our egos, but God will remind us. That is what reincarnation is about: the constant reminders from God to remember, to awaken to our divinity.

“The majesty of God is that we are all perfect divinity. No one needs redemption, because we are already divine. This present civilization is nothing more than an opportunity to remember. It is nothing more, and nothing less. Once we remember who we are, we no longer need to incarnate.”

“Why do we need war to remember who we are?” Jimmy asked in confusion.

“We have negative experiences so that our souls can experience emotions. These emotions are indelibly stamped on our souls. These emotions we keep, they become our memories. In many respects, our souls are collections of emotions. For instance, if you think back on your life, the truly emotional events are what you remember vividly. These were most likely either filled with love (positive experiences) or trauma (negative experiences).

“God is not a being, but *all* consciousness. However, as God’s

surrogates, we are beings and have unique individualities. God created us to become God's surrogates. We are God's eyes and ears, and our experiences result in emotions and individuality."

"And these emotions cannot be felt on the spiritual plane?" Renan asked.

I nodded. "Exactly. That's why the physical plane was created—to feel: fear, pain, excitement, thrill, chaos, panic, turmoil, confusion, madness. And, of course, love. The depth of emotion of love can be overwhelming. In the movie *American Beauty*, there was a line I always remember, "There is so much beauty in the world, sometimes I don't know if I can take it." That was a reference to the depth of love that can be felt—the love of beauty. I know exactly what he was talking about. The beauty of a woman, the beauty of nature, or a child smiling. Sometimes it can feel so overwhelming.

"Guidance from the spiritual plane is constantly leading us to the experiences we currently need. In other words, we are not alone finding our way. That's the old spirituality. The new spirituality recognizes that we are not alone.

"Do you understand? God—All That Is—determines our experiences. If you think negatively, then you will get a negative experience. God is always listening to our thoughts—*before ye call, I will answer*—and God already knows in advance what the answer will be."

"What about evil?" Jimmy asked, still confused.

"It appears that evil exists," I said, "but this is only an illusion. God does not consider life evil, because God knows we create experiences for the purpose of soul growth. God knows we are just experiencing and directs the circumstances.

"Are any of you starting to comprehend the complexity? The mass

consciousness is the controlling force that interrelates and directs everything. Once we decide as a civilization that killing each other is illogical and stupid, we'll quit having wars. Until then, negative experiences will continue.

“Most people are dominated by negative emotions: fear, anger, hatred, resentment, bitterness, dislike. These emotions come from the belief in separation. They do not realize we are all one and all divinity. They deny there is a higher power—God—controlling their lives, and they spend all of their lives denying this power exists.

“It is not wrong to deny God—there is no right or wrong. People simply do not perceive God's influence. Conversely, they are dominated by negative emotions, with fear dominating their lives.”

“Wait,” Renan said incredulously. “Are you saying that most people live in fear?”

“Yes. Unless we trust God, we will live in fear. It's possible to have faith in God and lose your fear, but it's also possible to know that the world is divinely ordered and that our lives were pre-planned. It will be this second method that sets the world free of fear.”

I paused. “A lot is happening spiritually on this planet right now. The war is creating a transformation. What is happening is that the planet's consciousness is becoming more positive as more and more people become aware. Belief in separation is changing, and the affinity that connects each of us together is intensifying. Civilization is transforming into something harmonious. The Age of Aquarius is almost upon us.”

I paused. “I think that's enough for today. Do any of you have any questions?”

They hesitated.

“I have a few questions,” Jimmy said.”

“Okay,” I replied.

“Earlier you said that life is controlled by God. Does this mean that there are laws that God uses?” he asked.

I smiled. “Very insightful. Yes, there is such a thing as God’s law. This is also called *natural law*. It is the law that governs the universe. To understand natural law you must understand that God is All That Is, that God is *everything*. In other words, if you judge me, you are judging yourself. If you hurt me, you are hurting yourself, because I am you, and you are me. All is one, and all is interrelated.

“Natural law requires spiritual awareness to be understood, but even then we understand only the basics of natural law. It defines the way we interrelate with each other and the controlling force that is God.”

I laughed. “It’s hard to explain in a short period of time. It includes the concept of karma and forcing your will on another. Basically, God keeps track of our indiscretions and requires atonement. No one gets away with anything.”

“Oh, crap,” Jimmy muttered.

The Europeans laughed.

Do you have another question?”

“What about Jesus?” Jimmy asked. “How does he relate to everything you’ve said?”

I smiled. “Jesus was the greatest teacher of natural law who ever walked this planet. Tell me one thing I have said that contradicted him.

“He said that heaven is within our hearts; to never judge another man; to love your fellow man as if he were yourself; to seek first the Kingdom of God; to become pure as a little child; that he and the Father were one; why are you fearful?; of myself I can do nothing. Jesus was talking about natural law.

“Jesus never talked about right and wrong, moral and immoral. He preached love and forgiveness. Instead of this message, the Christian religion was created based on judgment of morality. The fictitious devil became the Christian symbol of evil, and all those who reject Christianity are aligned with the devil. People in Christian-dominated nations are either defined as good Christians or bad souls lost to the devil. This dualism has dominated this planet for centuries, and it is time to end. Religions are going to go away.”

“One final question,” I said to Jimmy.

Jimmy looked at me in contemplation. Finally he spoke, “Do people really believe this in America?”

I smiled at his disbelief. “Yeah, they do. The New Age movement has proliferated in the last decade as more and more people have become aware. Today, millions of people accept the New Age concepts of oneness and reincarnation. In the early 1990s, only a few million people could relate with the New Age movement. Today, tens of millions believe, and it is spreading rapidly. You have your war in Europe and we have our spiritual war in America.

“Christians think we are pawns of the devil trying to steal their souls. They are adamant, even militant, in stopping the movement. There is a lot of hatred towards us, but we do not to judge them. We understand they can’t grasp the reality of their divinity. They believe in separation.

“It is ironic in a way. Many of the early Americans were Christians who came to America to escape religious persecution. Now we are being persecuted by Christians for our beliefs.”

I shook my head in disgust. “Many of my students will not speak in public about their spirituality. They are afraid of persecution. You have your war and we have ours. These are interesting times, gentlemen.”

I rose to my feet. “Well, I guess that’s it. It was a pleasure.”

I shook their hands, and we headed out to the bar. They offered to buy me a beer. I accepted the invitation, although I requested water. I hadn’t drank in years.

We sat at the bar with a few other patrons. I listened as they talked about the war in Europe. In America we constantly heard reports, but they were from unreliable sources. It was too dangerous in Europe for journalists. In fact, no journalists were allowed in Europe. The AC controlled information ruthlessly. No news organizations existed in Europe except those controlled by the AC. The reports we received from Europe came from free-lance journalists, and they risked their lives to follow the war. It was a very dangerous profession. The AC was doing everything in his power to control information.

There was very little commercial contact between Europe and the rest of the world. The war had brought trade to a near standstill. In addition, transportation to and from Europe was very dangerous. Ireland was one of the few countries with access to the rest of the world. A journalist in Paris or Berlin was literally trapped. They could smuggle out their reports electronically, but it was very dangerous to travel in and out of Europe.

The AC now controlled most of Europe. Only scattered locations were not under his domain. Ireland and Scotland were the few countries still out of his hands. The Underground fought the AC’s forces constantly. The AC wanted total control, but the Underground was a resourceful, strong, and courageous opponent. Battles constantly raged in Romania, Poland, Bulgaria, Switzerland, Germany, and Russia.

Millions of people had died, and it appeared that millions more would die as well. The war raged. Nuclear weapons and chemical weapons were in constant use. It was not uncommon for a million people to die in a

day. Cities were literally destroyed. One day it existed, and the next it was no more. Bloodshed was so pervasive that bodies would literally line the streets. There was so much anguish that people would walk past bodies without bothering to bury the dead. It was incredible what was happening.

Italy was only a remnant of what it once was. It was nearly destroyed by nuclear weapons. That was when the war really began after it broke out in Turkey. That was when the terror started. The AC loved terror. It was his favorite weapon—scare the world into submission. At the beginning of the war terror was very effective. America was so frightened we didn't enter officially for several years. Instead, we stayed on the sidelines and helped the Underground covertly.

Famine and disease were the plague of Europe. Chemical warfare and radiation from nuclear weapons had taken their toll. Millions of acres of rich farmland that had once fed the continent were rendered useless. People were starving. A loaf of bread was hard to come by. Many commodities were difficult to obtain: sugar, coffee, gasoline, butter. These were either exorbitantly priced or in scarce supply. The living conditions in many parts of Europe were horrendous.

And then there was France, the AC's base of operations. The AC had recently begun a program right out of a nightmare. He'd decided to give everyone an identification number. This number was tattooed with a laser onto the top of the hand (his number was 666). Without an identification number, you were subject to death. Moreover, the identification number was required for everything from buying goods to entering buildings.

France was the stronghold location for the AC in Europe. He literally controlled France. The people were under his domain. The Underground did not fight open warfare in France, although it was widely known that they had a formidable presence.

As I listened to these Underground members, I realized that the news reports we were getting in America were fairly accurate. I felt as if I was informed of the events transpiring in Europe. Asia, the other eternal battlefield, was altogether different. The chaos transpiring in Asia was not being reported with the same determination as in Europe. From what I understood it was basically in the same chaotic state as Europe.

I left the pub and headed back to my hotel. I thought about doing some sightseeing, but thought better of it. Ireland had been isolated from the war, but I was not comfortable on the streets. I would stay in my hotel room and then go to the airport in the afternoon. I was here for two days and one night. That was enough for me.

I had lost my urge to travel years ago. Traveling was too dangerous. People were desperate, although I couldn't blame them. It got to the point where I rarely left Los Angeles. At least at home I was acclimated to the environment. I could numb my emotions and persuade myself that it was all an illusion anyway.