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CHOICE



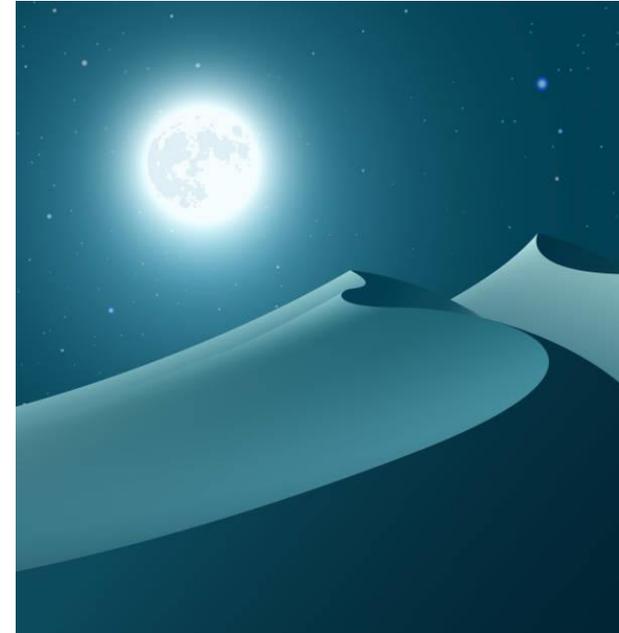
The challenges facing humanity are more intense than any time since the origins of the race. Human failures are exposed in unremitting images of atrocities committed by individuals and organized groups against their own and against others. Such images are lately paired with trails of wreckage left by natural forces.

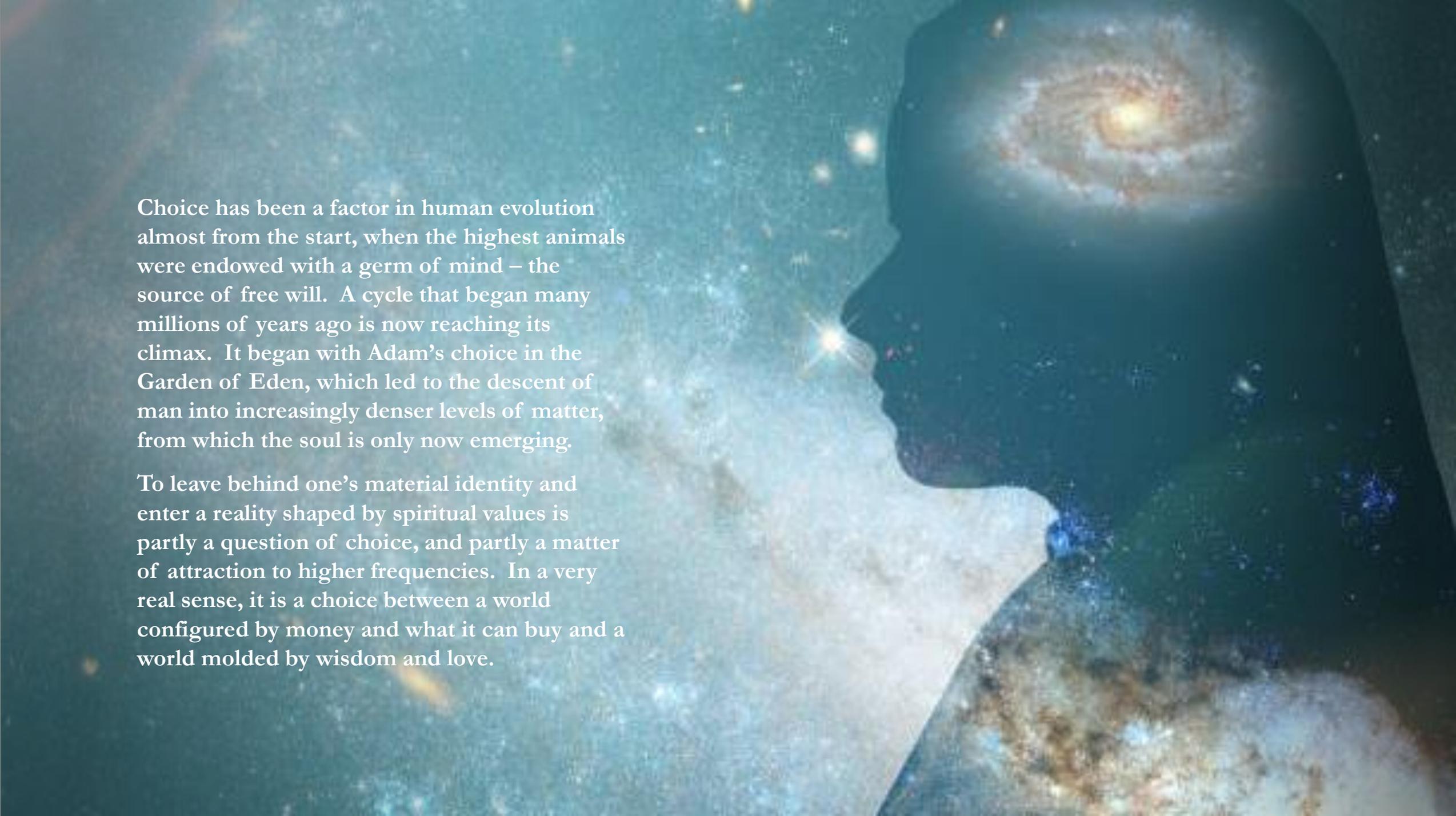
Millions of people are victims of these waves of destruction; billions are besieged by scenes of a dying civilization. They can choose to react in several ways: they can turn the dial; they can absorb the horror and become paralyzed with fear; or they can allow what they see and hear to alter the course of their lives. Many are feeling increasingly impelled to ask: Am I my brother's keeper? If not, who am I?



We cannot overstate the importance of the opportunity of this interval between the ages: to choose the direction of one's life, both present and future. One can passively allow the forces of darkness to reign on this Earth or become an active force for the light of Good. Neutrality is impossible in such times.

To serve the Good is to think and act as the Self who knows the inseparability of all lives. It is to become a rivulet feeding into the River of Life whose purifying waters will mount as vaporous substance into the age of air.



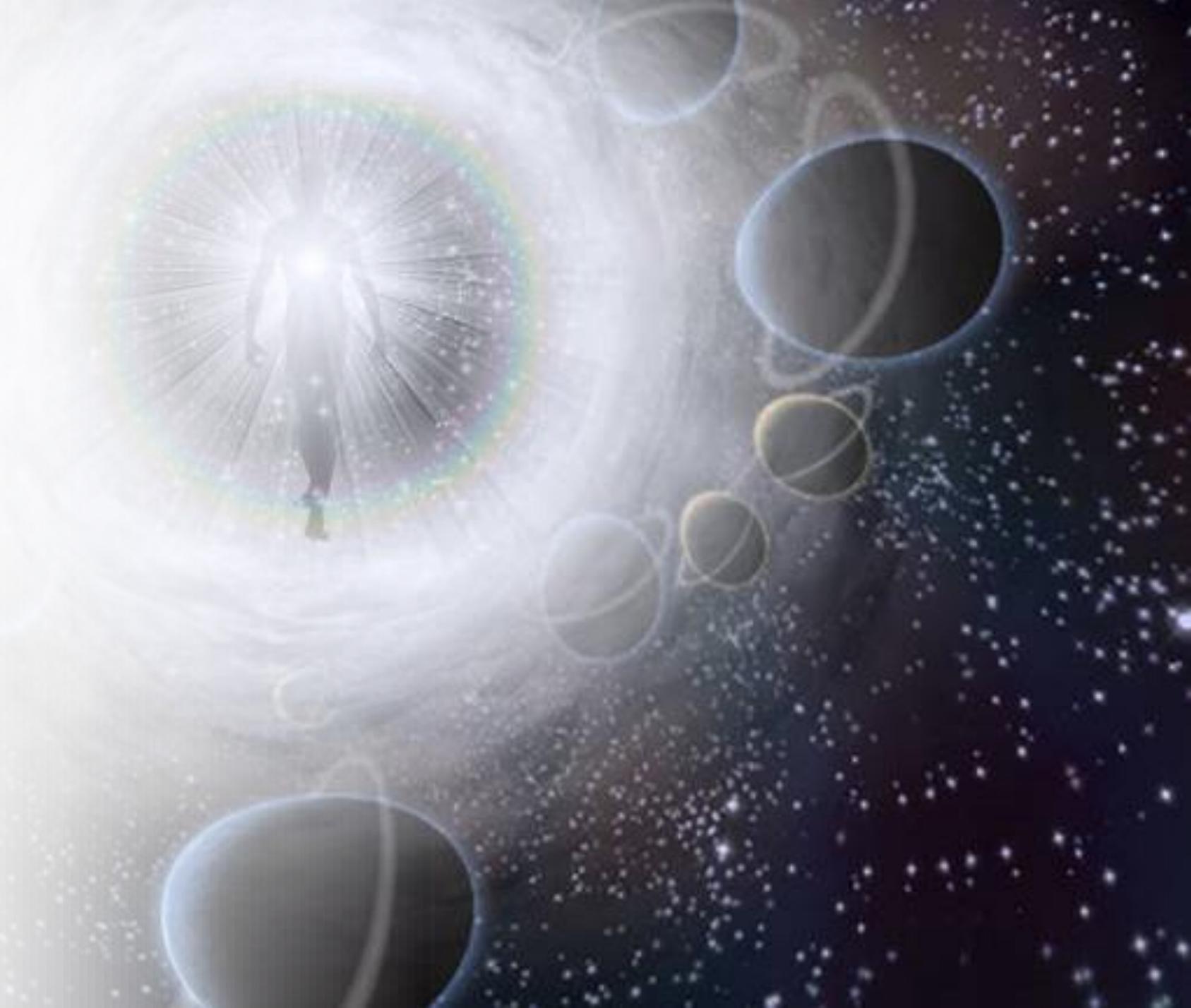


Choice has been a factor in human evolution almost from the start, when the highest animals were endowed with a germ of mind – the source of free will. A cycle that began many millions of years ago is now reaching its climax. It began with Adam's choice in the Garden of Eden, which led to the descent of man into increasingly denser levels of matter, from which the soul is only now emerging.

To leave behind one's material identity and enter a reality shaped by spiritual values is partly a question of choice, and partly a matter of attraction to higher frequencies. In a very real sense, it is a choice between a world configured by money and what it can buy and a world molded by wisdom and love.

The life of Earth is evolving toward greater freedom – the freedom that belongs to light waves, to the wind and waves and birds of the present era. This freedom is something beyond having a choice between equally valid options.

It arises from the depths of the soul aware of having the power to forge its own direction and who chooses the Way of Liberation. It is a choice to release the limitations of matter and learn to flow in the boundlessness of the etheric realm.



PURIFICATION





What you see in the news is the eruption of wounds that have seethed beneath the surface of world civilization. They are so deep that only a spark was needed to ignite the fires of revolution.

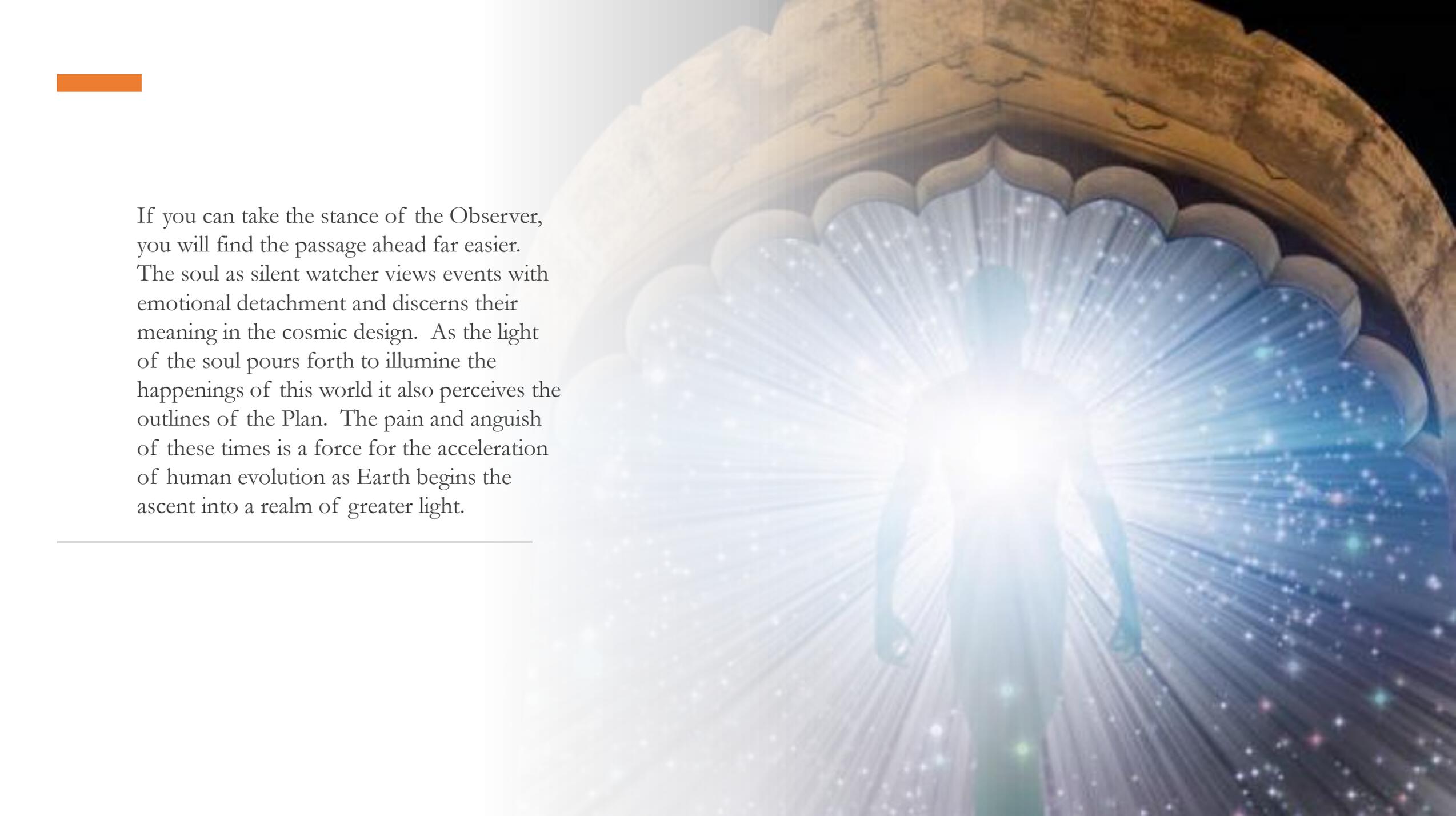
This is not a negative outcome in the broader scheme of evolution. A wound must be brought into the light for its cause to be recognized. An ailing body must be purged before it can be healed. Disease of many kinds has erupted across the planet. The fact that all are coming to light at once creates a devastating spectacle but one that is necessary for purification. Burning the dross of the human persona invites in the light of the soul.



The surge of heartache and loss, terror and torment, is the karmic consequence of human ignorance through the ages. The spectacle overwhelms sensitive souls, who turn away in anguish over the scale of suffering. To them We would say: turn away from the horror but do not ignore the underlying cause.

The consciousness of cleavage and separation that has shaped human lives for millions of years has sown the seeds of these afflictions. The global media provide the human race with the opportunity to recognize causes and choose a different direction.



A glowing blue silhouette of a human figure stands in the center of a stone archway. The figure is surrounded by a field of light rays and stars, creating a sense of divine light and cosmic design. The archway is made of weathered stone and has a scalloped, shell-like pattern. The background is a dark, starry space. In the top left corner, there is a solid orange horizontal bar.

If you can take the stance of the Observer, you will find the passage ahead far easier. The soul as silent watcher views events with emotional detachment and discerns their meaning in the cosmic design. As the light of the soul pours forth to illumine the happenings of this world it also perceives the outlines of the Plan. The pain and anguish of these times is a force for the acceleration of human evolution as Earth begins the ascent into a realm of greater light.



We understand the present anguish nevertheless. Every individual within the Masters' Ashrams has trod the Path during times of intense human suffering. Each of Us has committed atrocities during the chain of lifetimes that led to the Path of Initiation. Each of Us has suffered from the remorse that reorients a life to the light of truth and love. What is new in these times is that Earth itself, with its infinite diversity of lives, is undergoing a purification process. It is not dying but shedding a very old skin and moving into a sphere where light reveals the all-embracing gossamer web of life.

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