

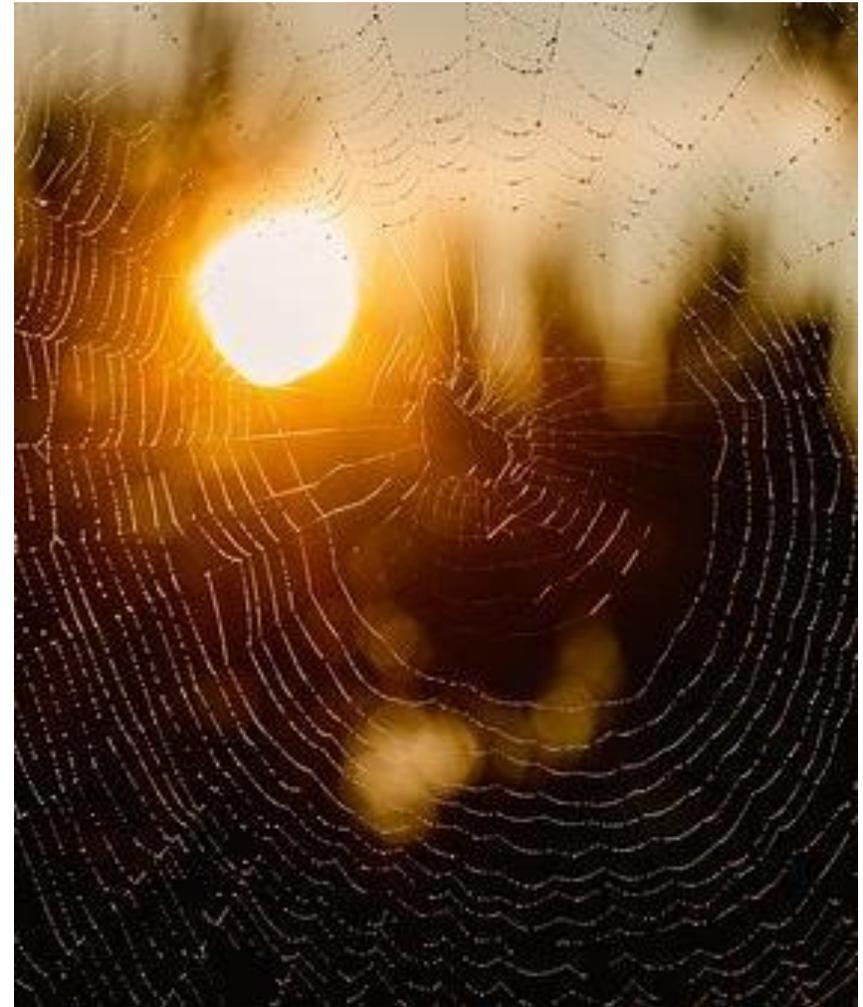


PRELUDE
TO
AWAKENING

Despite the constant shaking and shattering of the form world, much of humanity remains asleep. The 'blinds are drawn' against the incoming light of the new era. Everywhere on the planet people are seeking refuge from a soulless world order in overconsumption—a means to numb the pain of isolation and emptiness.

Overconsumption now has many forms and guises: food and drugs, material goods and gadgets, money and property, sex and violence. Obesity is one of the most conspicuous symptoms, yet excess marks the lives of all who remain prey to material forces.

Each symptom is an unconscious cry for purpose and meaning. Yet spiritual suffering is often the prelude to awakening, a process served by both the growing darkness and the inpouring light.



There are also glimmers of light arising from the Internet, which has impacted the lives of human beings for good and for ill. The pandemic of isolation in the developed world has caused a restructuring of human relationships on the basis of mutual resonance. Untold millions are seeking to replace karmic ties of family and place with virtual relationships in a virtual world which offers a sense of freedom from the past and freedom to choose one's associates.

Whether these virtual ties last for days or for years, they reflect a principle of the coming age: relationships will be based on resonant vibrations rather than blood ties. People across the globe are finding electronic relationships more satisfying than bonds with people in their daily lives, despite a lack of physical connection. This is another clue to the future of humanity.



VISION
OF
THE SOUL





The lower mind aware of the concrete world alone is unequipped to absorb the idea that this world could cease to exist. Only the soul perceives the light of the future. Only the Soul can sense the way forward into a dimension beyond separate forms for it glimpses an unseen Reality.

To witness the planetary Crisis and see where the solution lies is the task of the soul, the true source of leadership in the interval between the ages. Without the vision of the soul, the blind will continue leading the blind into the abyss.



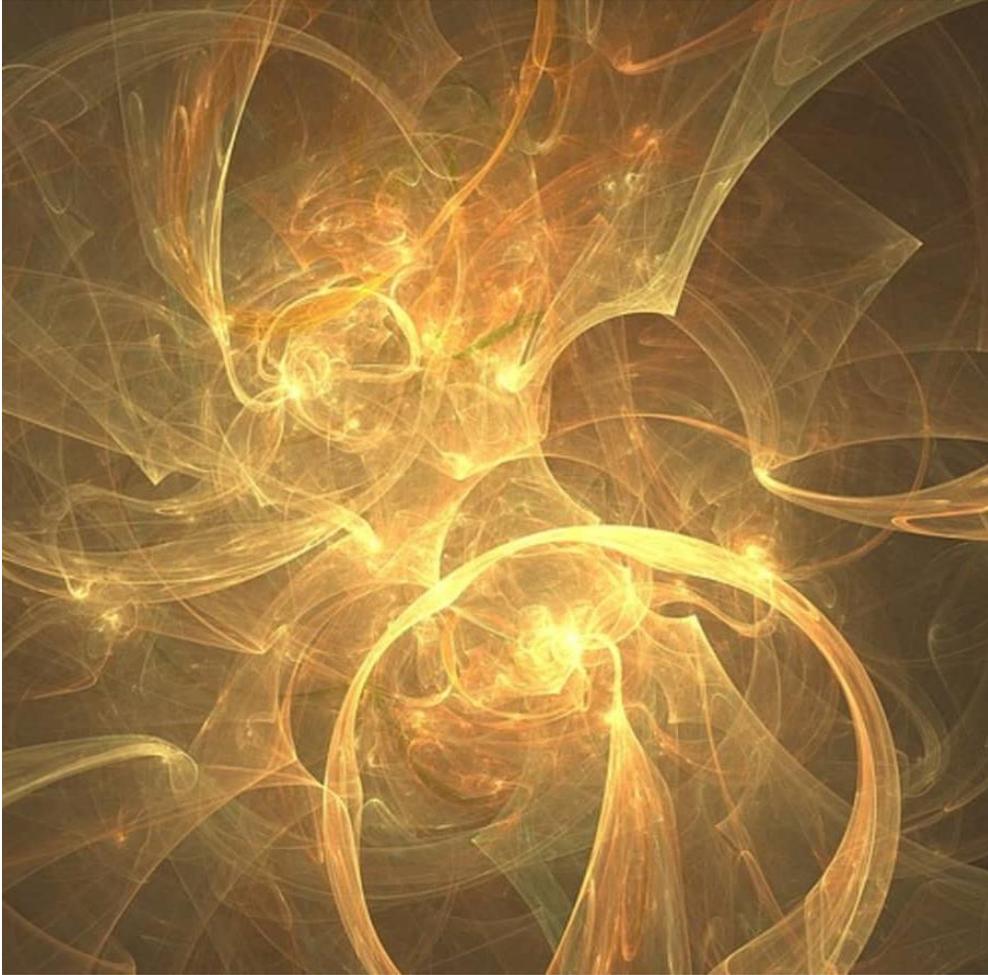
In earlier times great care was taken by the Hierarchy to avoid forthrightly addressing the divine aspect of the human being, out of concern for distortions and misunderstandings. There is right now both a greater need to know and a greater preparedness on the part of advanced humanity to receive the truth about the soul as it pertains to the new Earth.

The soul is not a vague concept as implied by terms such as “the better angels of our nature.” It is a discrete unit of consciousness born of the fusion of spirit and matter. When consciousness pierces the veil of matter, it begins the journey back to Spirit. The new Earth will reap the harvest of this collective journey.



The Soul of Humanity has a specific destiny in the Grand Design for the coming age: to serve as divine mediator between the Kingdom of Souls and the lesser planetary kingdoms.

This service involves creating the inner span of light along which telepathic impression about the divine Plan is transmitted and received. The light received by humanity from the spiritual kingdom will in turn nourish the hidden capacities of the animal and plant kingdoms. It is not an overstatement to say that the evolutionary Plan for the Aquarian Age hinges on humanity's realization of its divine potential and its ability to transform this potential into an enlightened force for planetary evolution.



There is a moment on the Path when the higher Self begins to dominate the instincts, desires and ambitions of the lower self. This moment is observed by the Watching Presences of the spiritual Hierarchy as a light in the head. The light signals that an individual's mind can be usefully impressed with thoughts, insights, visions, and dreams concerning the flow of evolution. A pool of resonance builds between the soul and these inner Presences, whose guidance becomes a natural facet of life for the soul serving as divine messenger and healer. Many such souls across the globe are serving as inlets for spiritual light in these times.



AN EXERCISE FOR
THE TRANSITION



A useful exercise for this transition is to hold in your mind's eye the image of a ray of light, such as a ray of sunlight or moonlight marking a path across a lake or a garden.

Visualize the light shining on all the objects in its path, illuming the different shapes and forms, sizes and textures. Then hold each of those objects in your mind's eye and visualize light illumining these objects from within and see the inner light of each object flowing outward, beyond the contours of its form, merging with the light of other forms. Notice the disappearing illusion of separate objects, as all become engulfed in a sea of light.

Yet differentiations will remain in the quality of light that each emits -- its color and intensity, its radiatory glow and magnetic force.

