

Beyond Human: The Next Kingdom in Nature

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Online resources:

<http://www.laurency.com> – All that has been translated into English is available here, as well as the entirety in Swedish.

The Basic Esoteric Dictionary, The Explanation, Knowledge of Reality, all good starting points
http://www.lucistrust.org/en/books/books_on_line - The teachings of the Tibetan, Dwal Khul, via Alice A. Bailey

<http://theosophical.org/> - The Theosophical Society, the first re-introduction of esoterics to the public.
<http://onepurelove.com> - this talk will be posted here, as well as previous talks already available

Books:

Only two Laurency books are available in print in English (though all are in print in Swedish). Both are available at Quest bookshop, or can be ordered from the Laurency website mentioned above.

Knowledge of Reality - a review of Eastern and Western philosophies, contrasted with Hylozoics.

The Philosopher's Stone – cosmology, evolution, the stages of humanity, higher worlds

Online - Introduction to Esoteric Philosophy <http://www.laurency.com/L5e/L5e6.pdf>

Also, mentioned today's talk:

At the Feet of the Master Krishnamurti The way to progress

Discipleship in the New Age, Vols 1 and 2 Alice A. Bailey

See Ed Alden, or ask at the bookshop desk, for a CD with all the Laurency material in English, and many Theosophical texts, including *At the Feet of the Master*.

Ongoing:

Rainbow Bridge meditation group - meets every Tuesday evening in Port Townsend.

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Quotes:

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Chapter 6 - ANTHROPOSOPHY

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33 As all esotericians know, the word bodhisattva is the Indian term for the “world-teacher”, the head of the second department (department of education) of the planetary hierarchy. The present world-teacher is Christos–Maitreya, who succeeded to his office when Gautama became Buddha (and thereby as a 42-self passed to the second divine kingdom). Gautama had then been the world-teacher for some 50,000 years, during which time he had instituted esoteric knowledge orders in India as Vyasa (some 45,000 years ago), in Egypt as Hermes Trismegistos (some 40,000 years ago), in Persia as Zoroaster or Zarathustra (29,700 B.C.), and in Greece as Orpheus (7000 B.C.).

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Chapter 5 - The Emotional Being of the First Self

5.22 Creations of Imagination

4 In the emotional world there are live replicas of all beings that men “worship”. All historical personages are found there in live emotional replicas, which the ignorant take for genuine. Being robots, they say what you know they said in the physical world. The majority of true believers have, under the influence of religious, spiritualist, yogic, etc. fictitious systems, unwittingly shaped a “divine form” or a “master” or a “guide” in the emotional world; generally a new form in each incarnation. In many cases, these emotional forms have been taken over by people in the emotional world who think they are able to help in this way. Only causal selves are able to decide how matters stand in individual cases; the man himself (whether clairvoyant or not) cannot possibly decide such things.

5 The whole planetary hierarchy and planetary government in all their glory, and all great beings they have already heard about already have their replicas in the emotional world. Skilled “actors” in the emotional world who possess esoteric knowledge can use those replicas and act “masters”. How tricky this is appears best from the fact that also disciples of the planetary hierarchy may mistake the live replicas of their teachers, which they have unwittingly formed in emotional matter, for the real teachers. D.K. warns his disciples not to take his emotional form for himself. He does not use that replica.

6 All these things are permanent material creations by those who have fantasized on esoteric facts they have picked up, and also by those who have been in contact with that “reality” and can bear witness to what they have seen and heard. This is the explanation why clairvoyants meet higher beings of all kinds, are received in audience in the “city of Shamballa” by the planetary ruler, pass “initiations” of all sorts, are received into the planetary hierarchy and government, become the highest self they have heard of, acquire “cosmic consciousness” and visit other starry worlds, etc., and all of it with an intense feeling of reality. Everybody contributes with some detail, and the embellishment goes on unceasingly.

Chapter 10 – The Causal Self

10.17 The Life and Life View of the Causal Self

1 Causal selves never tally with the notions of them held by occultists, quite apart from the fact that they all have a distinct individual character. Therefore, they cause a general disappointment. And that is excellent, so they are spared the fate of being the object of admiration and reverence, a very trying experience (which they will take as a test).

2 Occultists more than others try the patience of esotericians, since they believe they comprehend, understand, and are able to judge. They cannot grasp that it requires a causal self to understand a causal

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self. Occultists make the same impression on esotericians as so-called semi-educated on cultured people.

3 When, some time in the future, an esoterician will depict how the “initiates” were regarded and treated by their contemporaries and also by their posterity, Paracelsus, Francis Bacon, Saint Germain, Cagliostro, Blavatsky, Leadbeater will appear in another light. But from this you should cherish no illusions that the esoteric pioneers of the future will be judged more justly. The mankind of our planet has in all times proved to be incorrigible.

4 To the causal self, all life is unceasing service. Also the esoterician sees that service is the only bearable way of life, and a rich and happy life. This service of course implies everything you need to be a competent server and fulfil the post that suits you best in the service of mankind, evolution, and unity, service in loving understanding.

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Chapter 7 - Yoga in the Light of Esoterics

7.23 Conclusion

3 No stage in consciousness development can be omitted, because all the qualities of each level are needed for continued development. In tens of thousands of lives every individual is to run through his scale of development from the bottom up, until he has acquired all the necessary qualities and abilities one hundred per cent. The higher include in them the lower, and all are comprised in the twelve essential qualities, which make continued existence in the fifth natural kingdom possible. Which twelve these are the individual must find out for himself once he has acquired causal consciousness. Before then there is no understanding of them, nor are there any words in human language by which to name them. We can rest assured that the noblest emotional qualities (so-called character!) enter into them: admiration, affection, sympathy, understanding, spontaneity, tolerance, kindness, gratitude, trust in life, courage, fixity of purpose, decision, perseverance, invulnerability, lawfulness, justice, uprightness, reliability, magnanimity, loyalty, honesty, etc. Everybody can add to the list for himself. The most necessary mental abilities include common sense, insight, and discrimination. Common sense will not accept arbitrariness or absurdities, will distinguish between the real and the unreal, will see man’s immense limitations in all respects (true humility).

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Chapter 9, The 2nd Self, Part 1

THE LAW OF DEVELOPMENT

9.67 Consciousness Development

7In the fifth natural kingdom, all know that they are one since they consciously share in the cosmic total consciousness. This does not mean, however, that all are equals. Also among disciples of a 45-self there are many different levels. Everyone of them knows his own level and who belongs on a higher or a lower level, which appears from their self-acquired understanding of life, different degrees of insight and ability. All know their places, and all help each other.

The Explanation, by Lars Adelskog

Chapter 12

12.4 The Planetary Hierarchy and Its Work

1 It is our destiny as men to become more than human some time, become members of the fifth kingdom, the essential kingdom. During the ages many people have so achieved. Most of them leave our planet for good, as tasks await them in other places of the solar system. But a small group chooses to remain with us and live in physical incarnation. They together constitute the hierarchy of our planet.

2 No man can reach beyond the human kingdom without the assistance of and co-operation with the planetary hierarchy, a certain appointed member of it who has taken upon himself to guide the man on the difficult path from the fourth to the fifth natural kingdom. Therefore, a knowledge of these our elder brothers is indispensable for all who strive for true development. This knowledge is important also because it directs and sharpens our attention on the embodied ideals of mankind. This furthers our striving to reach our goal, whether we are clearly aware of it or not.

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14 Our present Bodhisattva is in the West best known from his incarnation as the Christ, in the East as Maitreya, with a previous incarnation in India as Krishna. His predecessor in his office is an individual who last incarnated as Gautama the Buddha and before that as Vyasa in India, Thoth-Hermes in Egypt, the first Zoroaster in Iran, and Orpheus in Greece.

15 The Mahachohan, the representative of the third basic energy, sends out the impulses and energies resulting in the build-up of new cultures and civilizations. Under Him are found not just the third main department, the department of idea-transference, but also the four subordinate departments that canalize the fourth, fifth, sixth, and seventh basic energies. The fourth department is chiefly the life sphere of art; the fifth that of science, research, and technology; the sixth that of mysticism and ideologies in close collaboration with the main department of the Bodhisattva; the seventh department that of physical social construction (legislation, economics, finance, administration, etc.). Our present Mahachohan was in His last publicly known incarnation the Count of Saint-Germain Rákóczi.

12.5 The Planetary Hierarchy Reappears

1 “If this planetary hierarchy is so competent and powerful, why doesn’t it intervene to save mankind in its distress? Why does it allow evil to rule in the world?” This is a common objection.

2 Undoubtedly the planetary hierarchy has all the resources to transform our planet into a veritable paradise. But how long would people then let this paradise last? The hierarchy does not want, even if it could, to change the hearts of men against their will. First a majority of mankind must decide to work with and not against the laws of life. Then, but only then, the hierarchy can give all its support and assistance. When that time has come, mankind will progress more and more truly in a hundred years than during all its previous history. The hierarchy does its utmost to drive development on to that juncture when it can appear in public, welcomed by the majority of men.

3 During the greatest part of its existence on the planet, mankind has been under the guidance and teaching of the planetary hierarchy. As long as these conditions prevailed, we progressed in development, even if we did it slowly. Civilizations, and also cultures, flourished and reached heights that we have never reattained in later times.

4 However, the majority of our mankind had (and still have) a repellent basic attitude to life. During several epochs in the distant past, this negativity was so rampant that most people turned their backs on the hierarchy and instead submitted to other powers. Thereby penetrated into mankind many

aspects of evil that had been unknown till then: war, slavery, religion based on fear, black magic, human and animal sacrifice. Time and again, however, the hierarchy succeeded in bringing mankind back into obedience of the Good Law.

5 About 12 000 years ago, the planetary hierarchy withdrew for the last time. Mankind had to make its own choice and take the consequences of that choice according to the law of freedom. Since then, mankind by and large has had “to manage its own affairs”. The knowledge of reality and life was lost. Mankind took life-ignorant and blind power-hungry people to be its leaders. The accumulated result of this during the last millennia is all known to us.

6 However, there has always been a small minority of people at the cultural and higher stages, people who have consistently been on the side of good and who have not forfeited their right to the knowledge of life and to assistance for their development. To their benefit, the planetary hierarchy set up secret schools of knowledge everywhere on the planet. During this long dark age, the hierarchy kept its hope of being able to reappear one day.

7 For this reappearance the planetary hierarchy has been working more decisively ever since the 13th century. No date can be fixed for it, however, since it all depends on mankind’s free-will and attitude, but it will still take several generations. Actually, it is gradual process. At first, groups of disciples – mental and causal selves – and junior members of the hierarchy – essential selves – incarnate in order to prepare the ground, chiefly by formulating and living those truths that are going to usher mankind into the new Aquarian age. The work they do is destructive and constructive. It is destructive in so far as the old views in religion, philosophy, science, politics, economy, etc. must be destroyed through unrelenting criticism. It is constructive in so far as these disciples carry the mission of teaching esoteric knowledge of life in ever wider circles, in ever clearer, ever more easily applicable forms, in a continuous revelation.

8 This revelation of the esoteric knowledge, formerly kept strictly secret, is in actual fact the most important process now going on in mankind. It is affecting and influencing unconsciously far more people than those who consciously profess their adherence to esoterics. Imperceptibly, originally esoteric ideas penetrate into customary human views, bringing them closer to the real, raising and ennobling them.

9 One example of this is the more general understanding and respect of human rights, having their esoteric foundation in the laws of life. Another example is the increasing interest shown by scientists in the consciousness aspect of everything, also the seemingly lifeless. A third example is the understanding gaining ground more and more that “children are old souls”, individuals having their unique characters and the right to be spared the ideologies of their parents or of the community they grow up in.

10 When sufficiently many such originally esoteric ideas have been generally accepted, more and more people will be interested in knowing their source and will study esoterics. This has been possible for more than a hundred years already, for in the year 1875 the knowledge formerly kept secret began to be publicized.