

# “The Great Truths and the Great Lies”, From the Writings of Henry T. Laurency

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2<sup>nd</sup> presentation on September 28, 2014, 4 PM at the Quest Bookshop in Seattle, by Stanton Stevens

## Online resources:

<http://www.laurency.com> – All that has been translated into English is available here.

The Basic Esoteric Dictionary, The Explanation, Knowledge of Reality, all good starting points

<http://www.lucitrust.org/> - The writings 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> – Stanton’s website, talks and handouts are there with other things

## 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

Love and Forgiveness, Leonard Shaw - A Workbook for Self-Healing and Healing Relationships

See Ed Alden for a CD or download with the Laurency material in English, and many Theosophical texts.

## Ongoing:

**Rainbow Bridge meditation group** - 6-8 PM Tuesdays in Port Townsend - [stanton.k.stevens@gmail.com](mailto:stanton.k.stevens@gmail.com)

**Alice A. Bailey study group** – Led by Karen Johannsen: [ksjohannsen@gmail.com](mailto:ksjohannsen@gmail.com)

## More by Laurency related to this talk:

Knowledge of Life Three, Chapter 18 - Our Epoch

A review of where we are in relation to the changes of the zodiacal ages

<http://www.laurency.com/L3e/L3e18.pdf>

Knowledge of Life Five, Chapter 6 - Efficient Philosophy (also titled “Introduction to Esoteric Philosophy”)

This is an overview of a positive philosophy of life, especially good for the rational Western mind.

<http://www.laurency.com/L5e/L5e6.pdf>

Knowledge of Life Five Chapter 23 - The Black Lodge

A review of the collective of those who have chosen the path of selfishness/evil

<http://www.laurency.com/L5e/L5e23.pdf>

## Quotes, Laurency:

### **Knowledge of Life One**, Chapter 9: The Law

#### *THE LAW OF UNITY, 9.25 All Life Is a Unity*

1 Life is unity, for all belong ultimately to the whole. All monads make up a unity (like the water-drops of the ocean), since they together make up the cosmic total consciousness of which every individual is a part. The condition to reach higher kingdoms is to become ever more conscious of an ever increasing part of this total consciousness. Anyone who has reached the highest divine kingdom has incorporated this total consciousness with his individual consciousness, has become one with the whole cosmos. The important realization for the disciple is that he will sooner or later have to learn to include all and not exclude anyone. He must apply the principle of not being separative in his consciousness.

2 The esoterician is always inclusive, never exclusive. Every monad is a part of the cosmic total consciousness, a part of the whole that can never be lost. To exclude anybody from the universal brotherhood in any natural kingdom is to evince ignorance of life.

### **The Knowledge of Reality**

#### *An Esoterician's view of the History of European Philosophy, 5.45 Theology*

It is, too, a gladdening sign of the times that more and more people are getting sufficient and independent discrimination to dare to doubt these complexes, inoculated all but ineradicably in childhood, of a horrifying, wrathful, spiteful, vindictive god who, because of that quality of hatred, self-righteousness, cannot forgive without having his only son slaughtered.

### **The Philosopher's Stone**

#### *Esoteric Life View, 3.62 Bad Sowing*

5 All demands are hostile to life, kill the sense of unity, make the ideals repulsive, and arouse defiance. What is not brought forth in love is unfit for life. Judgement is everything by which we seek to exclude somebody from his right to unity, to the community of all, and to our hearts. By judging man loses that unity to which he would otherwise have a right. Anyone who does not desire unity leaves it of his own accord. It is not for us to see that justice is done in the matter of the laws of life. There can be no peace on earth until people have understood that.

### **The Way of Man**

#### *Chapter 10, The Causal Self, 10.19 Esoterics is the Causal Self's View of Reality*

5 Esoterics invokes no authority. It is up to everyone to judge for himself, accept it or leave it open. The two laws of life, the law of freedom and the law of self-realization, should be sufficiently clarifying in that respect. What would be the sense of the law of self-realization, if we could lean on authorities and by their means have everything arranged for us? No development would be brought about that way. Through the esoteric world view we can receive knowledge of a reality that is as yet inaccessible to us. Through esoteric life view we can receive knowledge of the laws of life we must apply ourselves for our development. But it is up to everyone to apply the laws himself.

6 At a primitive stage, where such realities as law, development, etc. are incomprehensible (they still appear to be incomprehensible to our philosophers who wonder whether there are such things as laws and development), men were given directions, preliminary substitutes for the laws of life. As a guidance for relations to other people, prohibitions against murder, theft, deceit, slander were issued. They were necessary to the very existence of society. They were the most elementary application of the law of unity. Then came the positive commandment of “love of one’s fellow man”, the next step to unity. In our time, when esoterics has been released, we have received knowledge of the most elementary laws of life. Children must be given prohibitions that are valid until they understand why such sanctions have come about. Those commandments are not necessary, when the child himself sees that they have been issued so that the child in his ignorance will not harm himself or others.

7 At least the intellectual elite should have learnt so much of history, philosophy, anthropology (“psychology”), that they could see that these laws of life are purposeful, expedient, even inevitable, lest mankind annihilate itself and all organic life. If mankind still is too primitive for this knowledge, then the premature scientific discoveries, which have put tools of destruction into the hands of children, will perform that work which otherwise the planetary government would have been forced to perform for the third time: to make mankind start all over again from the stage of barbarism.

### **The Philosopher’s Stone**

#### *Section 3, Esoteric Life View - 3.66 The Law of Reaping and Traditional Fictions*

1 The ground of the fiction of “original sin” is the individual and collective bad sowing we have not yet reaped. The collective reaping is everyone’s part in all the mistakes in all respects for which we have been jointly responsible. Original sin is every individual’s evil thoughts, feelings, words, and actions in past lives. There is not other debt in life than bad sowing, and that we must reap. Anguish of sin, of life, etc. is a bad reaping, and as a rule is the result of having engrafted a complex of sin into others.

2 The ground of the fiction of the “commandments of god” is the laws of life.

3 The ground of the fiction of the “promises of god” is the good reaping from good sowing.

4 The ground of the fiction of “wrath of god” and the “punishing righteousness of god” is the bad reaping from bad sowing.

5 The ground of the fiction of “sin” is mistakes as to the laws of life.

6 The ground of the fiction of the “granting of prayers” is man’s right, according to the law of freedom, to have all his wishes granted that are not neutralized by bad sowing in the past.

7 The reality underlying the fiction of “satan” is that collective of incarnating men who, having acquired esoteric knowledge and objective consciousness of at least the physical-etheric and emotional worlds, refuse to enter into unity, and abstain from developing any further. They are the actual rulers in the physical and emotional worlds. This implies that individuals at the stage of hatred easily become their unwitting and willing tools. Both the symbols (god and satan) thus stand for realities.

8 The ground of the fiction of the “power of prayer” is the effect of methodical and systematic meditation, especially emotional collective will closely welded.

9 The fiction of missionizing is without any ground. Giving knowledge to serious “seekers after truth” is a good sowing. It is, however, unwise to make that mistake described, illustratively and incisively, as “casting pearls”. It is not wisdom of life to give knowledge to those who lack the prerequisites of insight

and understanding. That will strengthen their contempt for everything that passes their comprehension, for everything superior.

10 That god protects the truth on earth and preserves the innocent, are fictions without any ground. There is no other protection than the good reaping from god sowing.

11 The ground of the fiction of the “guidance of god” is the possibility of achieving contact with our superconscious.

12 “To receive the holy ghost” meant the transfer of the self from its lowest triad to its causal body or its second triad.

13 “The kingdom of god” was the term of the collective of second selves.

14 Most of the religious terms of Christianity are gnostic symbols, which the church, lacking the gnosis, has misinterpreted hopelessly.

### **The Philosopher’s Stone**

#### *Section 3, Esoteric Life View – The Law of Development - 3.16 Consciousness Development*

10 For the individual, good is the steps above his level, and particularly the immediately higher step. Evil is the lower, that which is below his level and, usually, in particular degree just the one he has recently left. In this is the subjectivity of the conception of right but not any relativity, which nullifies the necessary opposition between good and evil. Good is everything that furthers the development towards unity, evil is everything that counteracts unity, that becomes obstacles to the achievement of the goal. Every mistake as to laws of life can also be called wrong. All these mistakes fall under the law of reaping, the law of infallible justice.

### **The Philosopher’s Stone**

#### *Section 3, Esoteric Life View – The Stage of Culture - 3.23 Emotionality at the Stage of Culture*

1 Emotionality at the stage of culture is characterized by the realization of the necessity to cultivate, as well as to strive to acquire, attractive emotions. Universal hatred can only be overcome by making admiration, affection, compassion, and other noble emotions determine our view of people. Those who have already reached this stage belong to the élite of mankind. The stage of culture is the goal of those who are at the stage of civilization. There are always exceptional cases, since the tempo of development is individual. Many people would be able to reach higher levels relatively quickly, many people who never try on account of ignorance, or are prevented by the theories of ignorance, which are hostile to life, from seeing the path that they are to wander.

### **Knowledge of Life Two**

#### *Chapter 8 – the Stages of Human Development – The Stage of Humanity - 8.19 The Black Lodge*

1 People who have consciously “renounced their humanity”, who have severed the thread connecting the incarnating, lesser part of their causal envelope and the greater part remaining in the causal world, can be considered members or servants of the black lodge. They are the sworn enemies of evolution, since they know that when evolution within the planet has reached so far that the planet can be dissolved, they have lost further opportunities of wielding power.

2 The monad, being a primordial atom, is divine and indestructible. In the human kingdom, however, the monad can destroy its lowest triad and its causal envelope. And it will do so eventually after it has

severed the connection between the lower and the higher causal envelopes. The lower envelope cannot be filled up but thins out (eventually losing increasingly more mental atoms), until it finally bursts. Thereupon the monad must remake its journey and acquire a new lowest triad and causal envelope. It is calculated that this will take about 30 eons (“eon” defined as 4.32 billion years – ed.). During this time, the monad’s higher triads must wait for the time when they can be connected with a new lowest triad, the second triad asleep in its superessential envelope, and the third triad asleep in its manifestal envelope. The horrible bad reaping that awaits the monad in the meantime can just arouse sympathy for such an appalling destiny.

3 The ground of this deplorable behaviour is that the monad as a human being refuses to forgo its egoism, refuses to enter into unity and to serve life and evolution unselfishly, refuses to give up its power, refuses to apply the laws of the higher life.

4 In doing so, it nevertheless, unknowingly and unwillingly, performs a task that benefits the great process of manifestation. It works with the forces of involution and, so doing, speeds up the involution of the monads. It serves as the agent of bad reaping when it forces people to obey its satanic intentions.

5 Not any individual is able to sever the connection between his first self and second self. This requires that the individual has acquired the perspective consciousness (47:5) of the stage of humanity. He has passed through the stage of the saint and attained the highest emotional level possible for man (48:2), being driven by motives of highly refined egoism. However, he can never acquire any true knowledge of the meaning and goal of existence. He cannot become a causal self.

6 Actually it is only when he is faced with the conscious choice of unselfishly serving evolution that the break occurs. He knows what he is doing when he chooses to remain in lower worlds for the sake of exercising personal power. He will soon lose the ability to incarnate and will spend his further existence in the emotional world, and from there he will control people in the physical world and do everything to hinder them from developing, try to keep them in ignorance and bondage, in their illusions and fictions, try to create destructive mass psychoses of countless kinds, everything that can strengthen human egoism, repulsion of all kinds. Nietzsche as well as Hitler and his gang are typical examples of victims of the black lodge. It is a distortion of the knowledge of these things that has given rise to the legend of Satan.