

“The Future of God”

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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

The other Laurency books, available online, see the quotes below.

Ongoing:

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Quotes – All from the writings of Henry T. Laurency unless otherwise noted

“Belief is a wise wager. Granted that faith cannot be proved, what harm will come to you if you gamble on its truth and it proves false? If you gain, you gain all; if you lose, you lose nothing. Wager, then, without hesitation, that He exists.”

== Blaise Pascal

“Men never do evil so completely and cheerfully as when they do it from religious conviction.”

== Blaise Pascal

“Truth is so obscure in these times, and falsehood so established, that, unless we love the truth, we cannot know it.”

== Blaise Pascal

The Mastery of Love, Miguel Ruiz

Chapter XII – God Within You

“Your body is a temple, a living temple where God lives. Your mind is a living temple where God lives. God is living within you as Life. The proof that God lives within you is that you are alive. Your Life is the proof. Of course, in your mind there is garbage and emotional poison, but God is also there. You don't have to do anything to reach God, to reach enlightenment, to awaken. There is no one who can take you to God. Whoever says they will take you to God is a liar, because you are already there. There's only one living being, and want it or not, resist it or not, effortlessly you are with God already. The only thing left is to enjoy your life, to be alive, to heal your emotional body so you can create your life in such a way that you openly share all the love inside you. The whole world can love you, but that love will not make you happy. What will make you happy is the love coming out of you. That is the love that will make a difference, not the love everyone has for you.”

The Knowledge of Reality

Chapter 1 THE PROBLEMS OF REALITY, PART ONE

1.1 What Most People Do Not Know

5 ... The scientists call what they cannot explain delusion, the religious call it god.

1.41 THE LAW

3 There are laws in everything and everything is expressive of law. The gods themselves are subject to the Law. Omnipotence is possible only through absolutely faultless application of the laws in their entirety.

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6 Laws of nature concern matter and motion; laws of life concern the consciousness aspect.

7 The laws of life most important to mankind are the laws of freedom, unity, development, self (self-realization), destiny, reaping, and activation.

8 The law of freedom says that every monad is its own freedom and its own law, that freedom is gained by law, that freedom is the right to individual character and activity within the limits of the equal right of all. (Curiosity as to the consciousness life of others is a serious mistake.)

9 The law of unity says that all monads make up a unity and that every monad for superindividual consciousness expansion must realize its unity with all life.

10 The law of development says that all monads develop their consciousness, that there are forces acting in different ways towards the final goal of life.

11 The law of self says that every monad must itself acquire all the qualities and abilities requisite for omniscience and omnipotence, from the human kingdom onwards: understanding of laws and the responsibility following upon this.

12 The law of destiny indicates what forces influence the individual in consideration of necessary experiences.

13 The law of reaping says that all the good and evil we have initiated in thoughts, feelings, words, and deeds are returned to us with the same effect. Every consciousness expression has an effect in manifold ways and entails good or bad sowing which will ripen and be reaped some time.

14 The law of activation says that individual development is possible only through self-initiated consciousness activity.

1.43 Conclusion

1 The emotional task of religion has been that of freeing man from fear and anxiety, of giving him faith in life and in the power of good; and of mysticism in all religions that of granting enduring bliss and “the peace that passeth all understanding”.

Chapter 2 THE PROBLEMS OF REALITY, PART TWO

2.4 The Collective Consciousness

6 The cosmic total consciousness is what the ancients called the “universal soul” or “god immanent”. Some speak of “the soul’s merging with the universal soul”. One cannot merge with something of which one is already a part. When the self reaches the highest cosmic world, it will have worked its way up through over fifty different successively higher kinds of material envelopes with corresponding consciousnesses. “God immanent” indicates that every monad is a potential god, a god in becoming (besides, participating of cosmic “divinity”). “God transcendent” is all higher, superhuman kingdoms which cooperate for evolution. As for a “personal god”, the planetary hierarchy declares with vigour that all in higher kingdoms decline with thanks any suchlike caricature. Judaism introduced monotheism into religion with anthropomorphism as an inevitable result.

Chapter 3 The History of the Knowledge and the Fictions

3.1 From the Esoteric History

6 ... The cunning leaders invented the concept of sin and made the masses believe in the satanic doctrine of sin as a crime against the deity, who became wrathful and visited the people for their evil deeds. Only the priests could influence the deity and perform the sacrifices necessary for atonement. The grip on the minds of men that the priesthood thereby obtained did not begin to loosen until the French Revolution.

Chapter 5 An Esoterician’s View of the History of European Philosophy

5.26 THE PHILOSOPHY OF REVOLUTION

21 Like all initiates, Goethe knew that all will attain the highest divine stage via the different divine intermediary stages. The same divine unity of life is in everything, both within all beings (god immanent) and outside one’s own being (god transcendent). It is god-nature which produces everything in everyone, which makes every being attain its final destiny. Religion is the unity one feels when experiencing how in the necessity of life (the Law = the sum total of all laws of nature and laws of life) everything works together to the best possible end.

24 God-nature is governed by eternal, imperturbable laws which preclude all arbitrariness of self-will. We obey the laws of nature even when seeking to defy them. We act by them even when believing that we act against them. Evil, too, serves good in its way. The law of development leads everything to its final consummation.

The Philosopher’s Stone

Chapter 3 Esoteric Life View

3.20 Religion at the Stage of Civilization

2 All religions are nowadays based on historical documents. These are all, without any exception, falsifications. When they demand to be recognized as the “true and unadulterated word of god”, the absurdities of which you must believe in lest you be eternally condemned, then the truth must be spoken out. Fortunately, esoterics has documents of another kind at its disposal, namely the “esoteric archive”, which is accessible to researchers with higher objective consciousness.

3.25 Religion at the Stage of Culture

10... You “serve god” by trying to reach and arouse the god who still slumbers in the individual. When the self in the personality has achieved contact with, and activated, superconscious causal consciousness, then religion has fulfilled its purpose where that individual is concerned.

3.32 Self-Reliance

11 It is a lie which says that man is irremediably evil and will be lost forever without the grace of divine arbitrariness. It is satanic to declare the individual incurably corrupt and then to demand that he be perfect. It is satanic to deprive the individual of his self-reliance on his own potential godhood. All fictions that break the individual down, weaken, paralyse him; lead to resignation, despair, agony of life; are satanic. It is satanic to engraft the fear of a wrathful (evil, spiteful), capricious, condemning, jealous god. It is satanic to engraft the fictions of shame, sin, and guilt.

The Way of Man

Chapter 1 Introductions

1.67 Ideas of God

12 Praying to god that he “save the souls of men”, as theologians do, is as intelligent as asking a loving father to help his children. That is evidence of an amazing lack of psychological insight, quite apart from the fact that they lack a knowledge of life. However, it is not the business of god to save us but our business to acquire higher kinds of consciousness, until we enter into the divinity of the common consciousness.

13 The basic error of theologians of all ages is that they have refused to see that god realizes his will through man and that he seeks to express his love through man. It is in the human kingdom that the will and love of god must be realized, and man realizes this by becoming an instrument of god among men. Without men god is not able to achieve anything for mankind. 14 When Pythagorean hylozoics has been generally accepted as the only rational and tenable working hypothesis, then most theological terms will be replaced with exact ones. So, for instance, “god transcendent” will be replaced with “higher natural kingdoms”, and “god immanent” will be replaced with “the individual’s unlosable share in the cosmic total consciousness”. Without this share the law of self-realization would be an absurdity.

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15 The insight that god is the cosmic total consciousness, in which all individuals in all natural kingdoms have an unlosable share, is an insight that man wins only when he has entered into unity. Those who have once been initiates have an instinctive certainty of this fact. This makes it possible for them to find

the right path through the labyrinth of life irrespective of all fictional systems; enables them to live happy and unconcerned in the certainty of the “wonderful freedom of god’s children”.

Chapter 5 The Emotional Being of the First Self

5.47 *The Stage of the Mystic*

4 It is characteristic of those at the higher emotional stage, the stage of the mystic, that they strive for “union with god”. Many of them believe they have reached that union, and the writings of mystics and yogis witness to that belief. The union they are certain of is with the god of their own creation in the emotional world.

5 The self is potentially a supreme cosmic self, for you cannot become what you are not potentially. That is the potentiality to be actualized in the process of manifestation. When you realize this you have solved the basic problem of life. We are all divine in our true essence, and our objective is to realize that essence according to the law of self-realization.

6 That is the understanding which the individual acquires at the stage of the mystic. Through his contact, via the unity centre in his causal envelope, with the essential world, the mystic becomes convinced that he is divine in essence, understands what is meant by that old saying, “Only he knows himself (his true self) who is conscious of his divinity.” Through esoterics you learn about the fact that you have an unlosable share in the cosmic total consciousness and that this share guarantees that you will some time become a highest cosmic self, however many eons it may take. To keep this goal alive before yourself is the best way to develop, to become a second self, to spare yourself many unnecessary incarnations and much unnecessary suffering. It is part of the paradox of life that the only way to become a second self is to forget yourself, to become absorbed in the service of life in all the ways that automatically entail consciousness development. It is part of the paradox that you acquire knowledge and understanding, qualities and abilities in order to serve better, to forget yourself for the goal, to forget yourself when working at your own development.

7 Laurency’s works are not intended for those at the stage of the mystic. The mystics must have their experiences in the higher emotionality and do not need the hylozoic mental system’s description of material reality. They are content with practically any world view whatever. They consort with their “elevated spirits”, their masters in the emotional world, and do not need the common sense of mental consciousness.

Chapter 8 Augoeides

8.1 Introduction

22 All man’s prayers go to Augoeides, who corresponds to the “holy spirit” of the gnosticians. “God” or Christos has other work to do than listening to life-ignorant egoists. The planetary ruler knows nothing of the individual until he has become a causal self. Christos knows nothing of him until he is introduced to the planetary hierarchy as a disciple of a 45-self.

23 The theological conception of god is a fiction without counterpart in reality. The chiefs of the planetary hierarchy as well as the chairman of the planetary government (the planetary ruler) decline with thanks such a caricature. The absurdity is best seen in the fact that the cosmos as well as solar systems and planets are formed by collective beings (monads having the same kind of atomic consciousness and the same kind of common consciousness and being united in a collective). There are

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countless collective beings in the cosmos, from essential beings to the highest cosmic beings, thus 46 degrees. There are countless divine beings having omniscience and omnipotence in the worlds they have attained in the process of expansion and in accord with the law of self-realization.

24 Augoeides does not correspond to what theologians call the “mediator between god and man” for such a mediator is not necessary and does not exist. He is, however, the “instrument of god”, the fulfiller of the Law, where man is concerned. Christos–Maitreya has nothing to do with that matter.

8.22 Trust in Life

4 Those causal selves who have studied their own and other people’s series of incarnations (the largely imaginative studies of clairvoyants are not intended here) can unanimously affirm an absolute trust in life. Their Augoeides have proved their sovereignty by teaching their protégés precisely what was necessary for them to acquire qualities and abilities, to attain ever higher stages of development. They have demonstrated their omnipotence in the worlds of man by often being able to pilot individuals through the most “hopeless” payment incarnations unto the ultimate triumph, however abortive it appeared to life-ignorant mankind and posterity.

8.26 Augoeides in (Occult) Literature

6 The Bhagavad-Gita of the Hindus, originally from Atlantis and later revised, describes the meeting of Augoeides (the god Krishna) and his protégé (prince Arjuna), “prince” symbolizing an individual at the stage of the disciple. The author of the poem, a “rishi” in Atlantis, elaborated several motifs in it. He wanted to direct man to his own personal god in the superconscious. He wanted man to cultivate his higher emotional consciousness, “mysticism”. He wanted to influence the inactive people to purposeful activity.

Chapter 9, “The Second Self”

9.51 Compulsion and Prohibition

3 Esoterically, no religion has a right to proclaim decrees as being the will of god, for that is a patent lie. If the will of god is to be mentioned in this connection, then it should be said that the Law, the laws of life, bind even the gods. No god has a right to prohibit anything whatever.

9.62 The Cosmic Total Consciousness

7... Since all share in the collective consciousness, all participate in everything whether they know it or not. Our participation is conditioned by our understanding, our level of development. If you have once seen this fact, such a gnostic expression as “the kingdom of god is within you” is immediately self-evident. You need no incomprehensible theological explanations.

Chapter 16. The Planetary Hierarchy

16.11 “God” Is the Ever Higher Hierarchies

1 The esoteric mentalist, who above all strives for mental clarity in world view and life view, of course also desires to have the concept of god (deity) exactly defined. It is most simply done by starting from the old terms, “god immanent” and “god transcendent”. God immanent is the monad–self, which has an unlosable share in the cosmic total consciousness, and also, where man is concerned, the very causal

envelope, which shares in the fifth natural kingdom. God transcendent is everything above the fourth natural kingdom, thus the fifth kingdom and higher, Augoeides included. The cosmic deity is the cosmic organization.

2 Of course everyone is free to have any idea of god whatsoever. One thing can be established, however: that all individuals in ever higher kingdoms decline with thanks to be regarded as gods. They know that they are the servants and disciples of life. It should be added that the planetary ruler (the closest equivalent of god) is the chief of the planetary government with all subordinate hierarchies and has plenty of work to do with supervising those and the planetary processes of manifestation. In his self-importance man believes he is the object of special attention, which is a typical mistake. The planetary ruler takes no interest in the human individual (he has more important things to do) and has no idea of the existence of a particular individual until he has become a causal self and can be said to be a rational being. Man need not feel abandoned because of that. The planetary hierarchies take care of him in accord with the law of development, the law of destiny, and the law of reaping.

3 The planetary hierarchy is the real proof of “god immanent” and the possibility of man’s god-realization. This will become manifest to all when mankind some time sees the necessity of calling the hierarchy back as the true spiritual leader. Mankind will by then have risen from the spiritual degradation and the darkness it sank into when it expelled the hierarchy in Atlantis twelve thousand years ago.

4 Theologians will find it increasingly difficult to make intelligent people accept their absurd definition of god and their likewise absurd representation of Christos as a weak and sentimental man of sorrows who has abandoned mankind to put it in the hands of an incompetent church.

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10 All prayers go to Augoeides no matter who they are directed to. Neither “god” (the planetary ruler) nor Christos–Maitreya can be reached by any prayers. They have other, more important tasks.

Knowledge of Life One

Chapter 1 Meditation

1.13 Esoteric Prayer

3 The development from the individual to the universal is reflected in the prayer of the ancients to Augoeides: “Lead me from the unreal to the real, lead me from darkness to light, lead me from death to immortality. By “death” they meant incarnation and by “immortality”, the freedom from the necessity of incarnation.

Chapter 3, Gnostic Symbols

3.1 Introduction

9 It should not be difficult to make people see that life is unity, that brotherhood is the manifestation of this unity, that the prerequisite of entering into the next higher natural kingdom is that the individual has realized the idea of brotherhood in his own life. The fifth kingdom is a kingdom of unity, and to the individuals in this kingdom all life consists of monads that are partners in unity, whether they know it or not. Anyone who excludes someone from this unity thereby has excluded himself and blocked the path to the kingdom of unity.