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SUMMARY –

In the esoteric view of reality called Hylozoics, laid out by Pythagoras over 2500 years ago, the purpose of life is the evolution of consciousness. The breakthroughs that we have to greater understanding, epiphanies about how life works, recognitions causing us to replace false beliefs with facts, these are steps in the direction of the evolution of consciousness. As we advance, we more and more often have flashes of insight into our unity with others and with all of nature; this leads to the big evolutionary jump to the next kingdom of nature where consciousness is collective. All higher kingdoms of nature beyond human are ever greater collectives of consciousness. These collectives, and the ultimate collective that is all consciousness, can together be called God. Any being in these kingdoms is god-like to a human, with tremendous capacity to know and act without human limitation. This esoteric view of God can be called God transcendent.

Esoterics also speaks of God immanent. This is the unlosable share of the total consciousness that we each have. We are always a part of God with the possibility of recognizing that fact. We are embryonic gods transcendent that will overcome human limitations. We are learning to apply the laws of life and be loving, compassionate, effective creators.

In humanity we find many ideas about god, in fact, no two people have the same idea of God. These ideas are evolving. A common view of God is the Old Testament God, which can be called “Personality Disorder God”. This is a god reflecting some of the worst qualities of human nature, including our ignorance of the laws of life, and our ignorance of the nature of higher worlds and beings. All higher beings act in perfect harmony with the laws of life, and because of that have no desire whatsoever to command us, to be worshipped, or otherwise act in an egoistic way. To be beyond human is to be beyond the desires of the separate ego. Perhaps we create these god images because of authority figures in our lives, or because we are too insensitive to others to be motivated by compassion and can only be motivated by fear.

Let us accept the logical idea of the evolution of consciousness, and realize that:

- There must be many consciousnesses far greater than human. We are not very good candidates for “most evolved intelligences in the universe.”
- They are all god-like compared to limited human consciousness, and don’t suffer from the human misunderstandings that keep them from working together in perfect and powerful harmony. Our own Soul is one of them, and works with the others to help us.
- The direction of progress is toward unity, understanding, love, compassion, and collective consciousness, and not towards satisfying the ego.
- There is one consciousness that is all consciousness united, and our unlosable share in it makes us part of god immanent, and a potential god transcendent once we have completed the lessons of our many human incarnations.
- We all have some mental and emotional housecleaning to do to clear out primitive god concepts that we have outgrown and are limited by, especially thoughts of vengeful, jealous, punishing, and arbitrary god figures.
- The laws of life, such as the law of sowing and reaping, explain how to live a productive and good life, and supersede poorly stated and often misused religious teachings.
- Human history is conditioned by our god concepts, so it is vital that these concepts evolve and are replaced by better ones.

FULL TRANSCRIPT

Thank you very much! I really appreciate this opportunity to talk about things that are so interesting to me, and so rarely discussed. We'll talk about why people don't talk about God, in this talk. This research of mine is mainly in the writings of Henry T. Laurency. He was a Swedish philosopher; his writings have been translated into English. He is a student of all of the Theosophical writings, studied Alice A. Bailey of course; he's plugged into information sources such that I have no idea how he gets the information he has. But it's incredible, it's the most lucid, jargon-free presentation of Esoterics that I have found. It's for the Western mind that wants a concrete basis and not fuzzy concepts. To me, that's been great. I'll read a couple of quotes as we go, but I will basically be encouraging you to go read his material. I hope this inspires you to check it out. It's all on-line, laurency.com, and there is a handout associated with this talk, be sure to have a look. It is full of quotes, seven pages of Laurency quotes.

I start all of my talks with a particular exercise that I invite you to participate in. As we'll be discussing, Laurency, and Pythagoras, his source, say the whole purpose of all of the things we go through here is the evolution of consciousness; consciousness being the key thing. So, let's take a moment, and be aware, meaning conscious of, consciousness; a particular trick that we can do as human beings, that separates us from animals. We can take note of being a conscious being. If we are having presence of mind, that means being present in consciousness. If we track our consciousness back to the point of awareness that is behind our attention, then we've actually contacted something very deep in ourselves. This exercise helps me a great deal in these talks. So, thank you.

Well, we're going to talk about God, the Biblical God, and even the New Age God. God runs deep. We grew up with ideas about God and things that are sacred to us. We may not yet, until we've had the right experience, have discovered all the things that are sacred to us. That's a good question. Sometimes it's surprising.

I work with people from India. They are in India; I am talking to them on the phone all the time in my job. Not too long ago, there was a crisis. The server room was overheating, (I'm in IT). I was talking to them and they were giving me updates on the phone. There was an update: The server room has reached 120 degrees! I said, "Holy Cow!" And then I realized that I was talking to my Hindu co-workers in India. A moment later I had to apologize, and they laughed and everything was fine. Please don't take offence if I touch on any of your sacred cows today. I don't mean to do anything but respect your right, which I do treat as a right, to think and believe whatever it is that you want. Whatever helps get you through the night. Whatever gets you through human incarnation and works for you. That's the ultimate criteria. Does this belief or philosophy get me more of what I want or less, does it help me in the direction that I think I am going? Well, we're going to talk about directions here, when we talk about God, since God seems to have some ideas of his own. His? We are going to talk about that, too.

If I bring up God with my neighbors, they are kind of uncomfortable. My co-workers, I don't bring up God with at all. But why is that? Why can't we just talk about God? Well, historically, there have been a lot of people trying to make us afraid of God. And they've succeeded, actually, to large measure! People are scared of a God that can sentence them to eternal damnation. Then there are the fanatics. That hasn't won God many followers, or particular favor, by having people that are so drunk on God thoughts that they insist that you must think them, too. That's never been a great approach. So, people are scared when people start talking to them about God. And when is God is brought up, when religion is under the control of people who use it to get power over others, which it has usually been, unfortunately, it is a sad story with religion. When religion was running things in Europe, it was called the Dark Ages. And when there was finally enough of a scientific, philosophical movement to overcome religious rule of Europe, it was called the Enlightenment. From dark to light, from religion running

everything to not, seems to be the trend. I'll be the first to point out that religion has tried to teach us a million crazy things. You can't learn history from religion, obviously, or scientific facts, or frankly much about the meaning of life these days, from religious presentations. But that doesn't mean none of it is true. And what they are trying to get across, what it is all based on, there are some really deep truths in there, and when we talk about God we are getting to the core of them.

When you have religion messing with you like it does, children, of course have to pick up all kinds of crazy religious things and get rid of them if they are going to approach esoteric philosophy like we are doing now, it is easy to take the attitude that we can never know. We can say that these approaches that are offered out there are terrible, and we can't know what happens after death, and what it's all about. But to say that is a way of saying "be content with your ignorance." And I will never be that.

Thus, my efforts. The reason that I have this information is because I have cared enough to learn it. I've made a lot effort to go out there and find it. It has mattered so much to me that there are points in my life when I have said that I can't take another step until I have some answers. I need to know what is going on. That's why some people have more information than others because they care enough to wonder, and they insist on some answers.

Typically, in these talks, I would go through all of the human created ideas about these topics, and then get onto the Esoteric side. I'm going to reverse that this time. I think it is important to dive right into what Esoterics says. And maybe for those who are watching this on YouTube, this will help them figure out right away whether they want to watch it or not. Esoterics is very clear on all of these concepts. I'm not one that likes fuzzy concepts and I'm very happy to be able to say some very definite things. Now, whether you can prove these things to yourself or not; some of you can, some have extra abilities to prove things to themselves; people have mediated longer, they've acquired senses beyond our ordinary senses. But a lot of this, I recommend taking as a hypothesis, and prove it out through seeing if this works in your life to think that this could be possible.

Esoterics: Henry Laurency says that Pythagoras taught - the original spiritual teacher for the West was Pythagoras - that he taught over 2500 years ago, the philosophy of Hylozoics. Saying that everything... well, these days, it's defined to mean that everything is alive. What it meant then is everything has consciousness. That's what Pythagoras meant. That latent in everything is consciousness in some form. In fact, he said that the a priori three attributes, aspects, whatever you want to call them, of everything, the ultimate trinity from which everything else is derived is: matter - and let's just agree on that one, debating it is pointless, it's in motion, yep, and consciousness. Those three things; they can't be derived from something else, you can't subdivide them into two different things, they simply are what they are. Consciousness being, of course, the most important one, because it is the reason that all of the matter is in motion. Thus, our exercise earlier focusing on consciousness. When you start with those three things, and you look at everything changing, it becomes, the next statement you can make from it, is that it is all about consciousness evolving. Consciousness sets matter into motion for reasons. It is trying to accomplish something, trying to - well, thinking is moving mental material around, it is all manipulation of matter according to Hylozoics. Everything is something, is what I like to say. We think, we move mental matter around, we have emotions, we are manipulating emotional matter, and the point of it is the expansion of consciousness. We've been at this for a long time according to Laurency. And it may not seem like we make big breakthroughs, because it is one lifetime at a time, but the realization that helps us suddenly have a new awareness of how things work, of how people work, of how we ourselves work, helps us anticipate the future better, helps us respond better to our current situation, suffer less, enjoy more; these realizations are all part of the evolution of consciousness.

The evolution that Hylozoics talks about, that we've been participating in according to Hylozoics, started millions and millions of years ago, and we didn't just get this level of consciousness as a kind of gift. We earned every bit of it, moving through the mineral kingdom as a point of consciousness that is almost purely latent, passive consciousness, then we worked in the plant kingdom to acquire subjective

consciousness, awareness of ourselves as bodies, plant bodies, reaching for the light, reaching into the earth, that's subjective emotional awareness. From the plant kingdom to the animal kingdom is a huge jump in consciousness, the jump to objective consciousness, sensory awareness of everything else and the other conscious things, and the ability to move among it all. And then from the animal to the human, self-consciousness, the breakthrough into an individualized identity that happens when you can know yourself to be somebody, then you start working on what it means to be an individual, and that's really what the human kingdom is all about in terms of consciousness, working on our individual identities, struggling with the loneliness of it all, but gradually, towards the end of our passage through the human kingdom, we start to see how we are alike and unity starts to take more and more precedence in our minds, and we are beginning to be prepared for the jump, the huge consciousness jump, to the next kingdom, which of course many, many beings have done. Humans are relatively unaware of this, because we are not that far along as a kingdom to be just about to be jumping to the new. The next kingdom's consciousness is collective; we participate in a consciousness that is shared. It's very different than what we can imagine as humans, we are really tuned into the individual nature here. We have to have completely finished refining our individual nature and our personal way of approaching life in the human kingdom to be ready to merge into that collective consciousness. We don't lose our identity, we maintain our identities because we created such a strong identity here. We'd be swept away in the sea of collective consciousness if we hadn't become very unique individuals with a point of action that each can take. That's very much needed in the higher kingdoms, as much as here. When we join the collective consciousness, there is work to do. There are messes to clean up that humanity made for instance, there are all kinds of things; working with other kingdoms besides human, the tasks of these higher beings that have graduated from human are beyond our comprehension, for the most part. We'll talk a little more about that.

These beings that have gone to the next kingdom, the state of mind they are in, in collective consciousness, is God-like, essentially, to us. To meet any one of these beings, who are called in Theosophical, Bailey literature, Masters - and let's not get hung up on that word, they are called that because they mastered everything that we have struggled with as human beings. They've mastered everything to do with the three worlds of physical, emotional, and mental life. They are not only masters of how to express and be in those worlds, the material of those worlds is completely at their command. That's being really done with those worlds. So, they're essentially Gods to us, they have God-like powers in this world, God-like knowledge. To them, the perfect record of the past is visible. They can see everything that's ever happened in the past as if it is almost part of the present to them. Of course, that's a very different way to look at things. All the chains of causality that have put us where we are now are visible. We struggle so much here in the dark as humans trying to figure out why it is the way it's like it is. But to these beings it is very clear. And to some degree the future is clear; if you've got chains of causality, then you kind of know where they are going. Although I did read something on Facebook recently that said, "our lives are determined by future events." I thought no, no, I don't think so. I don't think that there is any God in the universe that knows what random thought will be crossing my mind ten years from today at any particular second of that day. There are probabilities of the future. That's all that even the most omniscient being in the present can say about the future is probabilities. And, of course, if they've made their plans that the entire earth should be lifted to a higher sphere of vibration, well, that's going to happen. They can predict that accurately because they planned it. When it comes down to us, we are very unpredictable.

Another thing about the beings in the higher worlds is that they have all gone through the human kingdom. That's how you get there. Just like we had to go through those other kingdoms, they don't start out as Gods, and we will become as them. This is promised by the higher beings, this is part of our future. Every consciousness that participates in what we might call God, has been human. So, it understands us pretty well, despite how little we can understand them. They have no ego, in particular,

not like we think of ego as a human ego. They have no desire to be worshipped, or to give commands, or condemn or insist on being obeyed, or to punish, or be jealous of who we care about in the divine kingdoms. None of that applies to beings to be freed from human ego problems. Another thing about these beings who are beyond human is that they are perfectly organized. Another thing hard to imagine, our organizations tend to be ways for the more powerful people to exert their control over the less powerful people. And that's not how it works in perfectly egoless collective consciousness, where beings can see where they fit into things, they know what their capacity is relative to what needs to be done, they know which beings have gone much further than them, who they should listen to, and they know which ones haven't come to where they have gotten to. It's not a secret. It even has to remain a secret for us, because if we start thinking we know where someone is evolutionarily, we make the biggest mistakes. "Oh, whatever that person says is all true," or "That person is primitive, I can certainly speak for what that person needs to do." That's where we make mistakes. As humans, we don't know where people are at.

In this perfect organization, that they have, they work in basically perfect cooperation, nobody is forced, everything is voluntary, the Law of Freedom obtains. Laurency says that the Law of Freedom is "you've got the right to do whatever you want to do as long as it doesn't impinge on the equal right of others." That's violated all the time; we have powerful corporate interests violating that to their ultimate suffering, because the law of sowing and reaping says that when you violate someone else's sovereign freedom, you essentially lose your freedoms. And these corporations, though we think of them as soulless things, are a bunch of people, and they all participate, and therefore share in this bad sowing, bad reaping. I'm glad I'm not participating in that.

The next kingdom beyond human that we're trying to get to, this organization of these beings, is called the Planetary Hierarchy. Let's not let that word get loaded down with human concepts either; this is a perfect organization, it is nothing like a human hierarchy. They have a particular role in the planetary being. The whole planet, you know, as above, so below - just like we have in our bodies centers of energy, chakras, the head center, the heart center, the solar plexus, etc., so does the whole planet. In the planetary body, as you might put it, the Planetary Hierarchy is the heart center. To be in this next kingdom of consciousness... it has a lot of names; the buddhic plane/kingdom, world 46; Laurency numbers things, which turns out to be really handy so that you are not arguing about Sanskrit terms. "Kingdom of Heaven" is a pretty apt description of it, because there is no more human ego dividing everybody. It is all in perfect loving unison that everyone is operating. So hard for us to imagine, but really wonderful, let's get there.

This hierarchy, made up of the Masters, is made up of those who have graduated from the human kingdom, made the transition, they are serving humanity and all of the other kingdoms on the planet, and we don't even know about all them because they are not made up of as dense a material as we are made of. At the head of this hierarchy is someone whose name is Maitreya, they've let us know his name, he's also known as the World Teacher, also known as the Bodhisattva, and about 2000 years ago was known as Christ. It's kind of an executive position, interestingly enough. He's got a lot of things to manage in that position. And we use "he" because that's traditionally what Maitreya has gone by. There is also the planetary head center, like the heart center. This is where the most advanced beings of the entire planet function. It's called the planetary government. They are supervising millions of year spans of evolution of all these kingdoms. The hierarchy, when it's got a quandary as to what to do with humanity and all the crazy things it does, it might go to the planetary government and say, "advise us, please," because humans - we can't seem to offer them a single opportunity that they recognize and take. That's one of their problems.

This evolution of consciousness is going on through the beings in these kingdoms, beyond our imagination, the most advanced being on our planet in the planetary government - to even talk about a being's consciousness like that one is to speculate in ways that don't actually approach reality. We

actually get to meet this being, though, at some point, as we move along, and we get to meet Maitreya. The head of the planetary government is not interested in meeting us until we become rational beings, which means we are no longer human. It will be a while.

So, boiling this down a bit, in esoteric terms you find God transcendent - the concept of everything beyond, above, higher level consciousnesses, that's God that we are aspiring to contact, to become; that is running the show, even though we don't know it. And there is God immanent. Laurency discusses both; God Immanent refers to our unlosable share that each of has in the cosmic total consciousness. One of the things that Esoterics says about consciousness is that there's just one, really, one great consciousness, that we share in to whatever degree of ability we have to share in it. That's a bigger and bigger piece of all of the consciousness as our consciousness evolves. God immanent; meaning no one is cut off from God, we all have a share in that God consciousness. I should say that in the planetary hierarchy, they don't use the word God. They don't have to, they can be more specific. God is a very general kind of word. They can talk about whatever being it is; the head of the planetary government, they can talk about Christ/Maitreya, they are working with beings at all times. The "God immanent" is something that they would like us to realize, to feel more of our connectedness in this consciousness and to be looking for that piece of God's consciousness in each other. And then there's something else, not necessarily God transcendent, or God immanent; there's both of the above, our own Souls, that are kind of poised between. I have a whole talk on that where I get into details, because it is really one of the least understood things out there, our own Souls. There is a guardian angel called Augoeides, that is standing in for us at a higher level of consciousness. We're trying to reach that being's level of consciousness. It is dedicated to trying to help us get through the human kingdom. It has been associated with us since we made the jump from the animal kingdom. It created what's called the "causal body." We've got a physical body, an emotional body, that we register emotions with, a mentally body, through which we think. There is yet a higher body that might be called the Soul body, the causal body. We're not very conscious in that yet, we're trying to wake up there. In that body is stored the digested experience of every incarnation we've ever had. To wake up and know ourselves to be everything we've ever been is a bit more than we can handle. That's why we bite off a small chunk of that for one incarnation at a time. We're trying to master this bit of ourselves with this set of problems. When we can handle all of varieties of combinations of things that are us, then we can be all of it at once, and wake up as a Soul in human form. At that point Augoeides has finally done his job, he's been spending millions of years working on this with us. Augoeides, guardian angel, part of the devic kingdom, parallel kingdom of human, you can study up on that, angels, actually, archangels, fairies, it is a whole parallel kingdom that is not like the human kingdom. It doesn't ever come down to this dense a material. It only comes down to etheric, which is like our energy bodies.

Ok, this is a lot of esoteric stuff, I didn't try to lay a lot of groundwork for it, I don't know how much of it you are familiar with, but now we'll retrace our steps through human thinking and get back to the esoteric thinking, if you are still with me. I hope you are.

I met the idea of God as a child. I think I was very fortunate, I know I was, in how that happened, because my mother took me to the Church of Religious Science, founded by Ernest Holmes - it's not Scientology, it's - the closest thing in Seattle is Center for Spiritual Living with Kathianne Lewis, a really positive place to go, especially for people recovering from other religions. You'll find a lot of people there for that reason. This was a religion that didn't hurt me. I didn't have to unlearn a thing. What it taught was that God loves us, God helps us, that we are limited only by our own beliefs, that if we can work on those, open up thinking, be willing to accept good - one of the sayings was "you can have self-pity, or you can accept your good," and the good is just waiting in this religion. In fact, they are some of the early teachers of the prosperity kind of consciousness things that you see these days - that the whole universe's creative machinery is waiting for us to harness it, that we're creators, we are mini-gods

that create, and we do this through the mechanism of the universe's manifestation processes. Things start as ideas, they take the clothing of desire matter from the emotional world; that desire draws together the things that make this idea into a concrete physical thing. This very podium was an idea at one point, someone desired that that idea should become manifest, adding emotional clothing to it, and that emotion drew together the materials and the wood to actually produce a physical podium. That's the essence of the science of manifestation. Well, this Church of Religious Science taught that we all can use this. We can bring abundance and wealth, and all kinds of things to our lives by applying that.

When I was twelve, living in Salt Lake City, amongst the Mormons, I got some different points of view from them about religion. At that time, I lost the "Nine Billion Names of God." It was a library book. I think maybe my Mormon neighbors picked it up off the lawn because they wanted to know what we gentiles were up to. And that was such good bait: "The Nine Billion Names of God?" They had to know. This book was a science fiction book named after a story in it by Arthur C. Clarke. It's a great story, about monks in Tibet who had determined that the reason God had made humankind was that God wanted all 9 billion of his names written down. And so, these monks were working on it, and they had written down many of these names, and they about 25,000 years to go of name writing. Then they found out about computers, and they hired a couple of computer experts. The story is told from the perspective of these two computer experts who go to Tibet and set up the computers and the printer, and it is churning out the names of God! It is all happening so rapidly that the two computer guys get scared. What's going to happen when it prints them all? These guys are going to want their money back. They lit out early, they headed down the road one evening. And as they were half way to town from the monastery, they said to each other "you know it's about now that the last name should be printed. I'm glad we got out of there." They breathed a sigh of relief and kept walking. And then the stars started going out.

Well, nine billion names of God is an interesting concept, because we have seven and a half billion people on this planet, and no two of them are thinking of the same thing when they think of God. They might as well be thinking of 7 and a half billion gods. We see everything through our beliefs and ideas, and we've concretized these views into filters, basically. It applies to everything our lives. We see other people through filters of "they are out to get me"; hopefully we don't have bad filters like that, but people live horrible lives because of bad filters. We look at God through... to clairvoyants who can actually see such things, see the thoughtforms, the emotional-mental material conglomerated together that makes up ideas, the God concepts might happen to be beautiful. They can be floating in our aura, a lot like these colored lights here, floating above someone's head, these God concepts. And if you really tuned in to what those were, there might be an angelic figure in there, and a big benevolent God with a white beard in many people's conception. Yet they are all interference between us and a direct connection with a divine being. All of our ideas are limiting factors in trying to connect with something higher.

The title of the talk is "The Future of God"; this is where God evolves; all of our different ideas are evolving, individually and in humankind as a whole; even if you look at the Bible. You look at the old testament, and you've got a pretty brutal God, actually, lots of smiting. And then you get on to the new testament, and there is forgiving and loving and turn the other cheek - that's a nice step forward, that's a different God concept. If we're trying to up-level our own God concepts, we are contributing to the future of God for everybody. It's not a little thing to have bad God concepts. People with concepts of God as a punishing being often think that they can act as the agent of that punishment, very bad things happen with bad God concepts. We can improve humanity tremendously by lifting them up. These thoughtforms, that's what they are, ideas, thoughtforms, emotional/mental material. They have a lifespan, they'll wear out on their own if they don't get any attention. But they will also wear out more quickly when they are brought into contact with facts. God concepts of heaven being literally up there have friction with the fact that we've gone beyond there in rockets. It kind of broke that idea down. If

you can get enough facts about reality into play in your mind, it will cause friction with old bad God concepts that you might not even know you have. So, it's all happening in the subconsciousness, churning continually.

You know, people's God concepts might be categorized in a way. Father Maximos of Mount Athos, a Greek Orthodox priest there - Mt. Athos is in Greece, by the way, a peninsula full of 1000-year-old monasteries, a very nice place to go, where they've actually preserved a lot of the good stuff of original Christianity - when somebody comes to them, they classify the person; I mentioned this in an earlier talk, it is so good that I am mentioning it again. This person might be a "slave of God"; that's how they see themselves, "don't hurt me, God", fear of God; "victim of God" might be another name for that, too. "God is the all-powerful thing that causes me so many problems," that's one categorization. The next is, "the employee of God". They've got an arrangement; I pay my tithes, I go to church, God, you're going to take care of me, right? We've got a deal! And the next category is the "children of God"; the people that know that they are part of everything, and everything is divine, and they know that love is ruling the whole thing anyway, and that a God who didn't love would not be a God they were interested in anyway. Each of us is progressing through similar stages, and has, to wherever we might be right now.

We've had incarnation after incarnation trying out God concepts, and throwing them out and up-leveling them. We are going to talk about the dark side of God; we are going to have to talk about the personality disorders of God. Some of these Gods that people conceive of and believe in have some big problems. Like jealous rage, and as I mentioned, the narcissistic need to be worshiped is a personality disorder. The need to control and command and judge and condemn, only the human mind can project such human things onto any divine being. There is no divine being that is anything like that. They wouldn't be, they can't be, you can't get from the human kingdom into a higher kingdom without being beyond any of these ego-driven fear-based things. Fear is about separation. In the human kingdom we are really playing a lot with separation, but separation doesn't mean the same thing at all when you've got the collective consciousness of the next kingdom.

So why do we come up with such awful God concepts? Just one speculation on my part, I didn't read this in Laurency, but I think that maybe we like to have a God that we can blame, rather than take responsibility ourselves. I saw a great musical in town recently called "The Book of Mormon." I haven't laughed so hard in a long time. To see these squeaky-clean Mormon missionaries put into Uganda with people suffering under every possible awful thing that happens to human beings; that contrast, who knew you could get so much humor out of it, and so many great dance numbers. One of the dance numbers and songs was about how when the Ugandans were telling the missionaries that when something bad happens, we say "Hasa diga eebowai". Daughter has aids: "Hasa diga eebowai." The warlord has come and killed somebody: "Hasa diga eebowai". The missionaries were saying "that's great, you've got a philosophy here, you trust in life, trust in God, isn't that what that is about, what you are saying? It's all really going to be ok?" And they said "well, yeah, it means God, it means F-you God!" That's what hasa diga eebowai means. This was kind of shocking to the Mormons.

If you look at what these personality disorders have done, it is no wonder that we have atheists that so actively reject God. Not just "I don't believe in God", but "No!" It's an emotionally driven thing, and I think a lot of the energetic atheism that is out there is feeding on just bad these God concepts are, and it's kind of a mutual thing. People have of course been betrayed by priesthoods for... how long now? Priesthoods that try to control us by threatening us with eternal damnation, or promising us eternal heaven, promising us that the consequences of our actions can just be wiped clean by them, or at least an arbitrary God could wipe them all clean. People feel very manipulated and disillusioned now, and that drives the atheists, and it's no wonder that you have people now becoming something like "fact atheists" It really amazes me; now you've got scientists that are bought out by corporations, and people are disillusioned with the scientists. You've got politicians that you are so obviously corrupt, and people are disgusted with them. You have people now who are atheists about everything, they are going to

reject... "They say there are planets up there, but, you know, I don't trust the scientists anymore," that's terrible.

What religion was supposed to be doing all along was lifting our emotional nature, that was the role of religion in human society, to get us out of hatred, and jealousy, and greed, and the lower emotional rages and all of that kind of stuff we've indulged in for so long as new humans learning. Trying to refine our emotionality to the higher emotional levels of affection, and gratitude, and appreciation of each other, and love, and aesthetic appreciation, appreciation of cooperation and unity, and the beauty of nature, all of that is in the higher emotional nature. Religions have had some successes, some religions, some more than others, I don't want to single any out, but ultimately, it's not a very good track record or we wouldn't have had the world wars. That kind of stuff doesn't happen unless people are functioning from their lower emotional levels, easily made into nationalistic angry haters of "everybody but us" kind of people. The reason we might have a God like that - maybe we just really like the drama, we don't want a boring, nice God. But if we want drama, how about we follow some other deity ideas like worshiping volcanoes. At least you've got something truly awe inspiring and humbling. Humans need to be humbled a bit, tuning into nature really helps us realize; ok, there are great forces, and it's good to be humble.

You know, there actually are, I mentioned the devic kingdom, there are great devas that inhabit these volcanos. And in some cultures, they may have sensed and tuned in on those beings. But those beings don't want to be worshipped any more than the other beings in the higher kingdoms do. And we end up projecting our usual nonsense onto these same beings, and they don't like that either. So, the nature-worship things tend to go wrong, typically, all of these religious approaches get hijacked by people who are trying to manipulate people.

Let's talk about the traditional Christian God. That's what most of us are most familiar with. It's a very confusing God, with, like I said, the old and new testament basically contradicting each other. You know, an eye for an eye, and turn the other cheek. It's a mish mosh of gnostic symbolism that was not understood by Eusebius and Constantine, the two people who constructed the original Bible. If they didn't understand it they sometimes messed it up. There's a mish mash of Jesus and the Holy Spirit, and the huge argument that they started off with was, well, who came first, God, or Jesus, or were they both at the same time? Really, that's what they wanted to argue about when they first put the bible together in 326, the very first gathering at Nicea they argued over that, and some people were ejected from the religion because they said that Jesus came after, or - I don't know which side won. So right from the start, the orthodox, outer presentation of Christianity had many problems.

But it has evolved. We are not burning people at the stake anymore, only a million so far, but now we're done, I hope. We get into the new concept of what I call "Good King God". That's a much friendlier God concept, you know, the guy with the white beard, on the throne, he's got authority, but he's good. He's a good creator. Certainly a "he", that's very clear in this construct. He expects discipline, has some rules, he's really like an idealized parent, this God. Unlike "personality disorder God", the bad things are relegated to Satan. You've got Good King God, and he doesn't have to deal with bad things because Satan's covering it. But who set this up? It's really like bad God, Good God, why have this odd disparity? If Good King God has so much power... well, anyway, those kind of questions, we can argue about, but let's move beyond such a limiting thoughtform of God, really, the God on the throne with the beard. I do want to cite the good parts of it; administering justice, and ruling heaven, you can be atoned with this God - this is the "employer" God, really. You make a deal with this God. I'll go to church, you're going to put me in heaven, right? We'll come back to the idea of an individualized God in a little bit. This Good King God concept keeps evolving. People say: "It's God, he must have all power, he must know everything, he must be omniscient, and, well, omnipresent."

Then we get into a new concept of God that has taken more and more attention as time has gone by, this I call "Super Everything God." The God that is everything, is everywhere, knows everything; this

actually aligns with Esoterics a lot better. It handles the Satan thing because evil actually fits into the plan in a way, the divine feminine gets re-introduced to that picture in some degree. This is another aspect of God evolution, Shamanism, bringing in feminine and masculine, but people are evolving, and I think that people are willing to think of a bigger God now. If you look at the "Everything Everywhere God", one thing I really like about that is that I get to be part of God in that God concept. And you are, too. We all get to be part of God. And that kind of answers the question of God evolving. We're obviously evolving, so the "Future of God"; we're participating in that, we are evolving in that as part of that. It's still not quite what Esoterics says, but it's a step up.

There's an old story from India about Brahma, the original God-God, I guess, I don't quite know how the pantheon works there. But Brahma was bored. So, he created Maya. Maya proved to be a very interesting companion. Maya said, "let's play a game." Brahma said "ok." You have to do whatever I say", said Maya, "ok here we go," and she chopped up Brahma into a million-different pieces and put a piece in every person. Actually, the first thing she did was ask Brahma to create all the people, I forgot that part. And then put little bits of Brahma in everybody and said "Ok, here's the game, I'm going to make you forget who you are and you have to find yourself." So here we are, all finding our little bits of God in each other. It's a great story.

Being part of this God fits with the esoteric concept of all consciousness being one consciousness. That would be the ultimate God-consciousness, the one consciousness. It makes sense out of the beauty of everything and the harmony of everything that there would be if humans didn't mess it up, that's God in the waterfall, in nature. It's all beautiful because it's all God, and we are beautiful, too, if we don't mess it up with human silliness... that's the wrong word. Beauty makes sense in the view that we are all part of God. And it leads to loving understanding and forgiveness, and willingness to bridge gaps, and how can we hold people in judgement if we see that person as really just us, actually, struggling through whatever. It's hard to do, because I think we'd be shocked if we saw each other, if we could really get in someone else's mind and see ourselves as they see us. I think we have kind of cartoony understandings of each other that don't go very deep. But this effort to understand each other as all part of God, that does help with that. With this super everything God, you find this in religions as this one big God doing everything; talking to everybody, running the whole show, creating everything. What about all of these other beings that Esoterics has told us are far beyond human? It kind of makes sense that super everything God is going to do some delegation. "Ok, here, amazing god-like being, you are in charge of this galaxy, and here, you can be in charge of this solar system." Well the galaxy god puts the being in charge of the solar system. It makes sense if you've got these divine beings, it's all organized. In fact, that corresponds to what Esoterics tells us is really going on. That's why the word "God" isn't used much at the higher levels, because these beings are all doing individual roles at every level of existence.

Talking about the one God is really just talking about the one consciousness that you really don't address directly. Although, if you're Tevye in "Fiddler on the Roof", you do address God directly. I really liked that, in "Fiddler on the Roof". He says, "God I know that we're you're chosen people. But once in a while can't you choose somebody else?" When I saw that movie long ago, I really wanted to have conversations with God like Tevye's. "God, you made many, many poor people," he says. "And in being poor there is no shame. But it is no great honor, either." Then he sings a song about being a rich man.

So, if we're going to have super everything God, and we've talked about the good king God, good king God is kind of distant. Super everything God is right here, but can we really talk to super everything God? What about personal God? Who is Tevye talking to? And when we try to talk to God? Well, that gets us back to the thing that so few seem to be talking about; our own Souls. This divine being that's been hanging out with us for millions of years, although not playing that big a role for the first many thousands of incarnations because Augoeides looks on and lets the law of sowing and reaping teach us through all of our barbarian lives and into our civilized lives. When we start showing the signs of higher emotionality, having done what religion is supposed to be doing, lifted our emotionality, when we are

trying to actually help others and look for God in others, and do good things, then we are starting to think like our Souls. That's what Augoeides has been thinking like all along. Then it becomes possible for Augoeides to set up opportunities called destiny for us. Augoeides is doing this all the time. We participate in this in between incarnations. Augoeides is actually not in charge of karma, that is actually a different group of beings beyond human that make sure that there is perfect justice. One of the great things that Esoterics tells us is that every thought, word, and deed, is met with a response in proportion to it. It causes the exact kind repercussion. And that applies to the whole species, and all of the things that get out of balance. Humans are great at tipping things out of balance; it all gets restored and we don't actually have to worry that it will happen. Humans get too carried away trying to force justice into situations where it will be taken care of, and we are not really capable of determining what justice should be applied.

What we hear about Augoeides, in the esoteric books, is that it wants to be felt as God's presence in us. The still small voice; and if we can get calm enough... You know, life is shouting in our ears all the time. And even more so in this modern world with our phones and everything distracting and drawing our attention at all times. To actually tune in on a higher being - nothing is forced on us by a being that understands the law of freedom. It doesn't force anything on anybody. We've got to actually be receptive, we will have to be listening really hard and tuned in to actually make that connection. It's worth trying, if you've never tried it. People have what is called the "agape" experience where their consciousness stretches out.

It's happened to me once in this lifetime. I was about 25 years old. You read many accounts of this, that people have had the experience that suddenly, it is an expansion they often describe, where they felt the sense of unity with everything. The barriers dropped away, the sense of the mundaneness of the moment dropped away, and they could feel they were part of everything and the greatness of it all. For me, I was about 25, and I was at another point where I said, "I need to understand." I just did not understand and I needed to. I know what happened now, I know better from studying this, Augoeides, guardian angel, lifted me up to his level of consciousness. It's his; this is another thing about Augoeides. It wants you to think of you as it. This is an odd part of it, that Augoeides is holding this place for you, wanting us to identify with soul consciousness, but it is still us that we are trying to become. We are trying to become the Soul. Augoeides is currently holding that space for us. I was lifted to that, and I had a sense of the tremendous awareness and confidence and level of responsibility for many beings that happens at that level. That stuck with me. To come back down to ordinary human living is quite a drop to the floor. This is nothing compared to what that kind of consciousness is. That's what many of the mystics who've had an experience like that say, it can be tough. To have that sense of "oh, this is me, this is my potential," that stuck with me all of my life. And I won't let my overactive mind talk me out of it. This is a problem; we have these experiences that go to our hearts, they are Soul experiences, we know full well that we've experienced something real, and then we've got our mind nattering away: "This could have been an illusion of some sort, you could have fooled yourself, you were sleep-deprived, yeah! Yeah, that's the ticket." I hope that everybody has that experience at some point.

Augoeides appears in the Bhagavad Gita as Krishna. Krishna meets prince Arjuna, prince meaning an advanced human at the level of nearly ready to be done being human, so he can work consciously with Augoeides.

God joke: How to make God laugh? Tell him your plans!

We are really not that great at making plans for ourselves. We try to make a good plan for ourselves. But the fact is that you've got Augoeides that sees the whole picture, is fully in conscious contact with every other human soul on the planet, knows where you've been at in all of your previous incarnations and what's possible for you in the future; it's got a better plan. So, if we can tune in and really get in harmony with our divine self, Guardian Angel, Soul, whatever you want to call it, this is where words fail - when we are working in harmony with that, that is going to really speed things along

for us. We'll meet the goals that his incarnation had if we tune in on that. And the best way to tune in on Augoeides is to try to think like a being that has no ego. Think like a being that is all about love. That is in perfect conscious contact with everything, and can see clearly what is really going on; what is that being's focus? It's about seeing "well, this is how it is, this is how people are suffering, this is what I need to do." If you can get tuned into that, the plan will start to become more obvious to you.

Well, if we're going to talk about religion, we have to talk about faith. We have to take a lot of this on faith, essentially. Where is faith - well, if we talk about faith, we have to talk about the path of the mystic. This is one stage that everybody goes through in their series of human incarnations. It's a natural phase where we decide that we want the contact, we need it, we are going to have to have it, and it's more important than anything else. Maybe this happens in a monastery, maybe it happens in the midst of working in the world, it can vary. But eventually, this particular path includes letting go of everything; conceptions of God, the ideas we have about life. Many of us are on that path, many of us have actually been through that. Going through that process you end up with a very direct contact, and it's bliss and it's wonderful, we know it is true that there is divinity that we are part of that we connect to. And before that was chop wood, carry water, and after that is chop wood, carry water, as the Zen saying goes. We come back to ordinary human life once again, from this exalted contact and realize - now what? We are back amongst all of our suffering brothers and sisters and we love them even more, and we care even more about what they're going through. What are we going to do? Now that we've actually made this contact that we wanted so badly, which was all about us making the contact, what can we do to help. For that, we need facts. That's when we become an esotericist studying these facts. The path of the mystic is not a bad thing, it's also something if that you've already done it, it's a cop-out to try to do it again, to try to go back to the monastery. Something to realize about yourself, is that really going to serve you.

Let's talk about where faith is well placed, and where it is not. Faith is misplaced in a priesthood that says that only it can connect us to God. That's a huge mistake. I think I was a priest or two, in different incarnations along the way, and maybe I am working off some of that right now. But that's really a pretty terrible thing to tell people, "you can't contact God, I'm the guy in touch with God". That's awful. Faith is well placed, according to Esoterics, in justice; that there is ultimate, perfect justice that will be done. Faith is well placed in ourselves, that we have this divine core; we will be what we intend to be. We are not any of us hopeless cases. Faith in love - love is, according to Esoterics, the greatest power of them all, greater than any other. It exists on all of the planes of existence. Faith in the triumph of good; it's just a matter of time. Just like Esoterics has told us that consciousness evolution will continue, even if we try to slow it down, we'll make mistakes that we learn from. We can not help it. We are going to eventually progress, graduate from the human kingdom, this is inevitable, as it is for the entire human kingdom, good will triumph, we will all progress, we will all overcome the limitations. Faith in nature, it's been running perfectly, now that we've tried to run things ourselves for how well nature has been running things. It keeps going sustainably. It's so hard to make something sustainable; nature has been doing it for millions of years.

If we're going to talk about God, we also need to talk about the challenges to God. You can see fascinating YouTube videos of Christopher Hitchens, an atheist, who is very eloquent and witty, and really makes his points well; he's debating Dinesh D'Souza who represents the God side. And Dinesh, he is trying hard, he is inspired, he does really believe what he is talking about. These two go at it, it is fascinating, the fireworks fly. But they are really not going to get anywhere interesting to me, because they don't have facts. They are talking about what humans do, and books that humans have written, and without these esoteric facts you can't logically deduce... well, these esoteric facts aren't something that the human kingdom can come up with on their own. They are given to us by those who have gone beyond. That's the only way you can really get the truths of things; human beings are not capable of ascertaining them for themselves. Like I said, atheism, the energy of it, the challenge to God from

atheism comes from bad religion, I don't mean the band. Another challenge to God is physicalism, which is really what science is ultimately all about. I want to give science some serious praise, because science is what liberated us from the rule of religion, and without science, we could still be brought up on charges of heresy. I could be for this talk right now, dragged in front of a court and sentenced to jail, and that only stopped happening a hundred and fifty years ago because it became just too hard to prosecute. It is because of science and the enlightenment and better philosophies of life. Another great thing that science does: when you have a town and their crops fail, they are looking for somebody to blame. And there's that woman living on the edge of town that doesn't seem to like anybody, of course it is because of the things we did to her, but still, she doesn't seem to like anybody, so let's burn that witch, she's probably the reason our crops went bad. It's science that has stepped in and saved that poor woman's life, so let's give it some credit.

But science has its own almost religious side where it has a taboo against investigating anything beyond the most concrete and dense of material, detectable, metered, measurable things. Science could actually investigate the clairvoyant vision that so many people have now. So many healers can actually see the energy bodies of people. Science could investigate and show that they are seeing something, that two of them see the same thing, that would be a valuable thing. The scientific method is a powerful tool. Science in its current state of technology is dangerous without us lifting our emotional nature to a higher level. High technology and science in the hands of repellent human egos is a recipe for the destruction of humanity. We are really put on notice by the power that we have right now as human beings. We are going to have to improve ourselves to be safe, whether it's from the power nuclear weapons, or the power of being saturated with weapons in this country. I'm personally not going wait five hundred years, for science to actually... this is what Laurency says, in about five hundred years science and the elite of humanity will accept that Hylozoics, this description of reality, which is essentially what Hylozoics is, is the only description that holds up. But that's a long time to wait. Even now they've got some nice clues. All of these higher worlds that co-exist with this world where these higher beings live, they go on and on, I'm not going to go into how many of these there are. They are detectable by science now. In all the worlds is love, and I can't say for sure that this is the same thing, but science has detected the material of the higher worlds by the fact that it has gravity. They call it dark matter, because they can't detect it any other way except for the fact that it is attractive. There is a big fat clue for science. That's physicalism, science.

There are enemies of truth, as well. When religions, politicians, people of tremendous wealth that would do anything to remain wealthy, when they want power over people, they maintain their power by manipulating people through their lower emotional nature to keep everybody divided. The truth is that we are all one, the truth is liberating. The truth that we can and will actually figure it all out and work together and do amazing things - well, if we start figuring that out, a lot of powerful people will lose their power. That's really what evil is all about in human life, is people who insist on their power at any cost. We've got the Russians planting propaganda on Facebook that is playing with our religious perceptions simply because they want to mess with us. To them, lies are a perfectly wonderful way to achieve their end of getting the guy they want elected. I just saw one today; one of the Facebook memes they had was Jesus arm-wrestling Satan. And the caption was, Satan says "If I win Hillary wins", and Jesus says, "Not if I can help it!" And people share that stuff over and over again! We've got such gullible people! If it's what they want to believe, they'll believe it. I really feel sorry for the people that the Russians hired to be professional liars, and put this stuff out there and divide people with it. It's a really ugly thing to do. It's a perfect example of religion in the hands of powerful people hurting the poor people that buy it. Tyrants, Hitler, they were down on religion unless it served their purposes. It is always going to be the case. Powerful people will use religions. The problem with evil that I mentioned, I have another talk on it called "The Great Truths and the Great Lies" and I go into a lot more detail.

Esoterics does give a lot of detail on how evil works in this world, why it's the way it is, how it is organized, why it's allowed to continue by levels above that could easily squash it.

The biggest challenge, I think, to religion, is how can a merciful, loving, all-powerful God not stop X from happening, whatever X might be? Why doesn't God stop this. How can there be a God if this awful thing happened? All divine beings are subject to the same laws that we are trying to become aware of and work within to make our own progress. They have no right to interfere in the sowing and reaping that we have set up for ourselves. And as bad as it is, it is exactly in proportion to what has been done. We see awful things happening, it just shows how awful people have been able to be. And we have the right to be that awful because if we didn't, we wouldn't really have free will. If we weren't able to choose, there wouldn't be progress, we have to have the ability to choose the good and the bad, or choosing the good is meaningless. Being forced to choose the good doesn't help us at all.

Do we expect a divine being to come down and break up the fights, and take away the dangerous toys, like a parent? Apparently, the divine beings want to treat us like adults. The law of Sowing and Reaping is considered harsh for this reason, but it is also the most beautiful thing there is, because if you are planting love out there, it is love that comes back. We are all doing that, right? We are all planting the seeds of love? Good! Because pretty soon you run out of harvesting this bad stuff and you are only harvesting the results of the seeds of love and everything turns to heaven for us as individuals. Nothing can hurt us that hasn't been a seed we planted ourselves somewhere along the line. That's what Esoterics says.

Here's an example. An addicted mother fails to take care of her child. In some future incarnation, she is the child. This is kind of how it works. But there is something else here too, there is mercy, in the form of the mercy that that individual can learn before the reaping of that sowing happens. There is an opportunity in between for that person to wake up and see in another life that "I don't want anybody to suffer that way," and when they go and help those other addicted mothers, or those children who have suffered, they offset the bad reaping. And we can all do this. When we actually respond to suffering in the world by just simply recognizing that they are us, these suffering people are us suffering, too. When we recognize that, we can offset even the bad reaping that we have coming.

Let's talk about what God gives us. God has a cargo cult aspect, people expect God to be dropping blessings on us all the time and giving us lots of things, so let's talk about what we are really given. One of the things is information like Laurency has given us and I'm talking about in this talk. That's really precious stuff, we should take advantage of that. In fact, it wasn't even available to all of humanity in this current cycle of civilization until 1875. The Planetary Hierarchy decided, there are too many people who are ready for this information, we can no longer do individual one-on-one teaching with masters and disciples, teaching them. We are going to have to publish the information for all of the people who are ready so that they get a chance to have it. The ones from the cultural level, incarnating at an advanced level, need this information. At that point, Blavatsky's job was to re-introduce it. Helena P. Blavatsky, the founder of the Theosophical Society. That teaching has evolved, too. Laurency, I think, does the best job of summing it all up and drawing the best from all. The Bailey works are part of that same dispensation. Among these facts are facts about the laws of life. I mentioned the law of Sowing and reaping. This is an immutable thing, working with it - as I said, there is a way to work with it where you are being dragged along, and a way to work with it where you are setting things up for yourself that are beautiful. The law of unity - the criminal who hurts another person, or the cop with itchy trigger finger, this is all because of fear and separation. The law of unity says that all of our efforts in the direction of unity improve everything. It's where we are headed, realizing that all this fear is part of this illusion of separateness. Recognizing that this is our brother, sister, this is us, when are we going to get it? We've got the Bible telling us that even. As bad as the Bible can be, you've got Christ saying that we're all children of God, we are all siblings.

The law of unity says that we have responsibilities for ourselves and our agreements, that once we get to know unity there are fantastically wonderful things that come out of it on every level. Even physical unity, sexual, we all have a pretty good idea of how that can be, hopefully. And that's just the lowest kind of unity, every other level higher, with their great, wonderful experiences to be had in new recognitions of unity. As we get towards the end of our passage through the human kingdom, we start to share some of our own consciousness among each other as part of recognizing unity. It is kind of a step toward the collective consciousness of the next kingdom.

Those who don't get it about unity end up on the path of power, and that's really a tough place to be. Because there is never enough power for one person. Not as a separate ego, no one can make themselves safe no matter how much power they have. And there are some bad directions people can take, the source of a lot of our wars and problems.

The law of self-realization: Laurency says, "it is valid in all kingdoms, and all individuals have to explore their worlds, by their respective means, and learn to apply the knowledge and insight gained." It applies to the gods, to us, "Man must save himself, however many incarnations he uses on this project. It is an absolutely firm law which no god can do anything about."

The law of freedom I mentioned, which is essentially the golden rule - do unto others as you would have them do unto you - Esoterics says that is not just a good idea, that actually is the law of life, and if you infringe on that law, you are going to limit your own freedom, ultimately.

What else we're given: we are responsible for doing what we can; what we can't do, we get help with. Ultimately, one thing we can't do is manage human affairs. We are getting perfect proof of that right now, this is the good that can come out of our current government. We can't select leaders who can manage the complexities and needs of an entire country going through a crisis like we are going through right now. We need beings that are beyond human to manage human affairs. Eventually we will realize that, and we'll invite the Planetary Hierarchy to lead. We kicked them out in Atlantis, and we will invite them back. We kicked them out in ignorance, we were misled by the black magicians of the time who said "we'll lead you and you can everything you want." We believed that nonsense and we lost the right to that leadership. And now we see the results of it. It's is pretty bad leadership, humans trying to lead themselves.

We are given a planet. We only get this one, really. Let's take care of it. We're given a stream of life energy, not to mention bodies, we are given as many of those as we need. Incarnation after incarnation, we eventually pay back for all of that, it's all credits and debits in the cosmic system. We will eventually help the kingdoms that provide the materials of our bodies. We are given as many bodies and incarnations as are needed, what a gift! We are given parents that we choose and have earned. We are given a stream of life energy that we can divert into our patterns of resentment, or fear, or whatever we want. If we stop doing that we will have more than enough energy for anything we possibly want. They give us information about the future. The Bodhisattva, World Teacher, Christ, will incarnate again, and we will all see him. We're told that this new etheric vision is opening up for humanity, like many people actually have but won't confess to, because they don't want to be locked up. Many healers can see the energy body and work with it. I know several people who can. I wish I could. We're told that we'll make it. I've emphasized that point before.

What can we ask of God? We can't demand anything. We are given so much already and we certainly can't ask God to take responsibility for every mistake we ever made and absolve us from all of our... that's a really arbitrary thing for God to do, in complete violation of the laws. No divine being would do that. It's kind of a funny thing we pray - it's like asking a really wonderful parent to love their child. It's not really necessary. But it's ok to want love and joy and light and ask for that, and be greedy for it. It's about the only thing it is ok to be greedy for, is love, divine love, to flow through us, to have it to give, it is ok to want that with great intensity.

Let me sum up, in conclusion, that if we accept this idea of the evolution of consciousness, it really becomes possible to do a housecleaning of God concepts. We can do some scrubbing of the fear of God concepts and the limited views of embodied gray-haired authority figures. We can get rid of ideas that God has human failings, that God can be arbitrary or capricious. That becomes possible when we look at what's possible. If we can overcome the pride that humanity has when it thinks that it understands "Well, there's God and there's Christ and they're running everything." It's such a naive view to think that it's all organized that way. And our ego thinks that humanity is their finest creation. There's so much more to all of this. These divine beings share in all consciousnesses, we are offered that, one of the best things we can do is take up the invitation of our Guardian angel, our Soul, Augoeides, to step up into divine consciousness. It is waiting for us. There are steps we can take, we have a lot of cleanup to do in general, emotional, mental, but that's what we are doing in the human kingdom. We'll get it done. So, let me say, and use the most God-aware greeting that's out there: Namaste! I close with that. It means I salute the God in you, I look for it, and I encourage it. I look forward to seeing you fully awakened and free from fear and I appreciate the time you've given. Really, you're drawing God out of me, and this is about the best version there is of me that there is standing up there talking about this, so thank you and namaste!