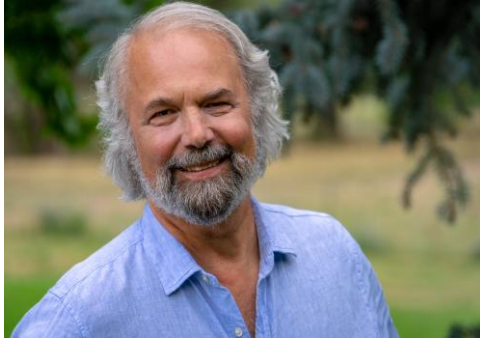


BREAKING THE ANCIENT IGNORANCE

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There is an ancient ignorance at work in our world. It shows up in modern clothes. But its origin is from the dawn of human history.

As humankind was emerging out of the Paleolithic Age to create the rise of an agrarian-based civilization, it brought a survival-based understanding of the world with it. And so, at the origin of civilization in the Fertile Crescent, the Indus Valley, and elsewhere around the globe, superstition pervaded culture. There was a belief in supernatural forces—gods, ghosts, and demons—that fought with each other and determined the fates of human beings. It was a state of consciousness characterized by separateness, fear, and conflict. The superstitious beliefs demanded sacrifice and obeisance to appease the supernatural forces.

Over the millennia, human civilization has evolved. Science and technology have driven amazing advances, especially in the past two centuries. And still, the same ancient ignorance lurks in the background, controlling the direction of culture and sometimes erupting into the forefront.

From age to age, enlightened souls have brought a vision of Reality to humankind that transcended the ancient ignorance. It has been a vision of oneness and love. But most often, their new vision was seen through old eyes. New patterns of obeisance and sacrifice were created. Religions were formed that do not transmit the transformational power of those who originally inspired their creation. And so, in this post-modern age, many have turned away from religion, choosing to embrace science and technology, and some form of a humanistic vision for their life. For the

most part, the experience of human isolation and separation remains unaddressed for them, along with the conflict it creates. Fear remains a dominant motivating factor in human culture.

This global community, Emissaries of Divine Light, offers an experience that disrupts the ancient ignorance. Wherever we convene, either in person or online, we dispel the patterns of isolation, conflict, and fear that undergird human culture as it is and the mass consciousness that creates it.

Personally, I have lived most of my life in community. I have been intrigued with the opportunity communities have to create a culture based on an illuminated understanding of human destiny. I spent time at a kibbutz in Israel as a teenager. I was part of creating a short-lived commune in central Maine. I've lived in communities in an urban environment and in rural areas on the edge of great forests. For the past 25 years, I've lived at Sunrise Ranch in Loveland, Colorado.

Sunrise Ranch is explicitly committed to breaking the ancient ignorance. But that doesn't mean that the people who gather here are necessarily free of it. The same is true for the global community of Emissaries of Divine Light. We haven't left the larger body of human civilization. And so, the same suspicion, the same sense of isolation, and the same fear lurks in the background of consciousness. Just like in the human society at large, these elements sometimes erupt into overt

expression. Here is the difference. At Sunrise Ranch, there is a conscious commitment to know what is real. We are committed to know ourselves, and thus break the ancient ignorance.

There is a process by which a person comes into this experience. As long as they are reacting emotionally to the ignorance around them, self-knowledge is impossible. Human culture has their attention, and they can't find themselves there. You can't find yourself in any of the creations of our culture. You can't find yourself in a video game, a search engine, or a movie. Cosmetic surgery or a new diet can't give it to you. Nor can any other person. At best, any of these facets of culture might point to the place where you *can* find yourself.

We find ourselves in Reality. And what is Reality? Science tells us that it is matter and energy. But this leaves out the essential nature of the Reality in which we live. Matter and energy are only its outer garments. Its inner nature is Being. Reality is not just a *what*. It is a *who*. It is Presence. It is Self. It is us.

The ancient ignorance is disrupted by this Reality when we open to an awareness of it. The separateness, fear, and conflict end when we connect to the Reality that holds the secret to who we are. When we learn to make that connection, we are opening ourselves to what downloads into our awareness from it. In that download is who we are. We are nothing other than that, known and expressed and embodied by us as a human being.

There are many names people give to the Being that is the inner nature of Reality. But all the names are subject to the superstition that is behind the ancient ignorance. We could call it God, the Cosmic Christ, or Brahma. Those names have the risk of bringing enough baggage that they are of little use. Nonetheless, it is one harmonious God Presence known by the Family of God throughout the cosmos. It is within that Presence that we may find ourselves.

What I witness in community is that people have a desire to disrupt their own ignorance. So they travel to a place like Sunrise Ranch. Or they join an online community. For many people, they flirt with the possibility of something altogether new. Perhaps they make enough of a connection with their own inner Reality that they can perceive the outer edges of its Presence through their emotional body. Then, before the download from within themselves can transpire, the connection is broken by the distraction of human culture, near and far. And so they return to an endless round of reaction. Expectation and demand are followed by disappointment, disillusionment, and sometimes retaliation.

As it is said, *You can lead a horse to water but you can't make it drink.* The download is immediately available. This is an unending reservoir of deep, Cosmic Love. There is a well of Divine Intelligence to tap into. Most of all, there is the Creator Being, who is the inner Reality of the person, ready to incarnate consciously as them. There are even people who are helping

them find it within themselves. And still, all too often the internal connection is broken and so the download stops. The ancient ignorance wins.

For some, the download continues. They experience the profound creativity of Being and know the power to live a creative life. They join with others who are sharing this experience to bring the rebirth of culture and establish a field of conscious awareness and a vital energetic pattern that goes with it.

There is a deeper experience of co-creation we have to share with such people. And then we have the vigor and enjoyment of bringing that experience into the world together, doing something that we know is momentous, majestic, and beautiful. It has meaning because it's an expression of Being. It's an expression of the power of Love that's within us. It has purpose. It has impact. It reverberates in the larger world in which we live. And so, now, the powers of creation aren't just rattling off the walls of human consciousness. Now they're coming through people in a conscious, coherent way.

What would that experience have to be to be so compelling, so coherent, that it invited others to be a part of it, so that it started a movement? What would the quality of that have to be? How profoundly would we have to know that for ourselves? How clear and bright and shining would it have to be between us? How lucid, how loving, how forgiving? How brilliant? So brilliant that someone halfway around the world would wake up

one morning and be aware there is something on this planet that they want to be a part of.

I don't know where it is. I don't know what it is. I don't know who it is coming from. But I can feel it in the air and I will find it.

Have you ever had such an experience for yourself?

When I was searching for an answer for my own life and for the world, I felt this field. It drove me nearly crazy. I knew it was tragically lacking in human culture, wherever I looked. But still, I could feel it. Finally, I found the source. It emanated

from people at Sunrise Ranch and people associated with the Ranch from around the world. So I came and stayed long enough to receive the download from within myself.

I believe in giving back and paying forward. And so do many other people. That's why we are still receiving the download and still creating this field of conscious awareness and energy. We are disrupting the ancient ignorance and bringing forth a new experience of a new culture.

Will you join us?

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