XI

Our Earth’s Eternal Struggle: Atlantis and the Origins of Evil

From the flooding darkness the son of the earth had brought, my soul gave me ancient things that pointed to the future. She gave me three things: The misery of war, the darkness of magic, and the gift of religion. If you are clever, you will understand that these three things belong together. These three mean the unleashing of chaos and its power, just as they also mean the binding of chaos. War is obvious and everybody sees it. Magic is dark and no one sees it. Religion is still to come, but it will become evident. Did you think that the horrors of such atrocious warfare would come over us? Did you think that magic existed? Did you think about a new religion?—Carl Gustav Jung, Liber Secundus, “The Three Prophecies”

Figure 11-1. Computer generated images from submersible and sonographic data of the ruins of ancient monuments on the ocean floor off the coast of Cuba at the depth of approximately 2000 feet below sea level discover by Dr. Paulina Zelitsky.
Original Face

What did your face look like before your parents were born? In the Zen Buddhist tradition there is a practice that has to do with the contemplation of what some call the Original Face. Quite frankly there seems to be a number of ways to interpret this, but from my own perspective this contemplation has profound meaning. The question asks what did your face look like before not only you, but your parents were born? Again there are a number of ways to interpret this but I would suggest that we contemplate the image of our true nature (which we have previously considered within the myth of Narcissus) understanding that it is very difficult for us to successfully identify this face.

Before we can see the essence of our soul’s countenance we must strip away all of the entities that envelope us, which includes our emotional bodies and intellectual personas that are not within the true essential soul (which has been identified as consciousness soul or simply “I am”). Therefore, we must develop the capacity to recognize this essential soul (which we will find is hiding in plain sight) before we can spiritually advance into a greater state of wholeness and health. Again, as previously illustrated this process is completely determined by consent and free will.

Yet, there are many who still exist today who not only deride such a transformational evolvement, but are actually preventing all others from achieving it. There may be many reasons why persons subconsciously or consciously adopt the skeptical, materialistic, if not misogynistic viewpoint upon these matters. In many ways this has to do with the perception of truth through our materialistic education. Again, this has also been previously illustrated.

Yet, it is wrong to consider all of this opposition to self awareness as just a mistake, as this group of skeptics, egotists, narcissists, and sociopaths are no accident and have in fact freely chosen to serve the will of their own dark shadow in the form of the doppelgänger, and therefore have become enslaved to the entity that acts as their Lord. By living within the mindset of Do as Thought Wilt, one has freely chosen to act as the antagonist to transformational wisdom, and has freely chosen to align themselves with the legions of the Lower Guardians of the Threshold. For all involved in this process, they are either wittingly or unwittingly slaves, and again serve these darker forces that impede spiritual development. Although a few within this faction understand all of this and have freely chosen to serve this Dark Master, most are unaware that what controls them is fear. Again, this has been previously illustrated, as what controls them is something more than just the fear of pain, ridicule, or destitution. It is actually a deeper fear that intrinsically exists within all of us, and can easily be observed through the psychological phenomena of projection, which has become within our modern society one of our most common psychological defense mechanisms, if not one our most effective psychological weapons; as we perpetually refuse to confront the dark hidden aspects of who we truly are.
Understandably, none of these concepts make any sense within the misogynistic world view of one random and chaotic life; but it makes complete sense when considering the fact that we are continuously reborn. Through this truthful reciprocal world view, profound clarity becomes infused into these outlined concepts which must include a comprehensive understanding of original sin and karma.

Eventually, there comes a point within our spiritual development where a person must encounter the truthful summation of their various past existences. In a very real sense this is like facing one’s karma. This experience can run the spectrum of being extraordinarily traumatic to quite mundane. It is said that only by facing this karma, which in some instances can present itself as a frightening entity, can a person progress into the metaphysical spiritual realms of wisdom. Progression will not exist until this entity is faced. At some point in my life, I recalled an extraordinary dream that seemed to exactly fit this archetype…

I was walking in a field up a slight hill which I intuited was towards the sun, in what seemed to be a bright and pleasant day. Ahead of me were a number of persons either alone or in couples. I then noticed that coming down from the hill was a dark, ancient, rabbinical appearing man, carrying what appeared to be a scroll under his arm, who confronted all of those who were walking before me. As he encountered them, it appeared that he expressed a few words, and inevitably every single person he encountered turned away fleeing in terror. It appeared that no one could escape this confrontation, yet he was still too far away from me to hear what he was saying. Although concerned, I did not deviate from my path, still perplexed as to why they were all fleeing. But almost as soon as I began this contemplation, I found him rapidly approaching me. Finally he confronted me, and he stated, “Do you want to see the face of Evil?” This took me slightly aback, but intuitively I was not surprised by his gesture or statement, so I affirmatively answered, “Yes.”

The Rabbi then proceeded to unfold his scroll which completely encompassed my field of vision, and on this screen I began watching a varying stream of human faces. They were mostly men, but there were also some women. I recognized no one in particular, but at the same time I intuited that they were all familiar to me. There was nothing spectacular or sensational about them...they were just people, distantly familiar people. In fact, they were more like ghosts or deep subconscious images that were again emerging to the surface. Quite frankly, I wasn’t even interested in seeing all of it as I had come to realize that these were my own faces of my previous existences. And yes, like all other lives, I was directly reminded that mine have been riddle with darkness, disappointments, transgressions, and mistakes.

It is interesting to note that (at least in a psychologically sound and healthy person) when we have an experience, for the most part, what was good and valuable within the experience is preserved within our conscious mind, but that which was bad or painful seems to fade more quickly, if not completely let go of. Within this vision, these faces were solemn, and what I intuited was that these images contained the embodiment of the darker experiences within each of those lives—which is exactly the reason why I had no
great interest in looking at all of it again; as the lessons learned through those mistakes have become part of my inner nature and manifest themselves as intuitions and empathy yet still remain to a certain degree as a dark foreboding presence. Again, I did not need to be reminded of this because I have always known in some ways the errors of those lives. Fortunately for me, this was a very mundane experience.

For others who have never faced this ultimate reality, this experience may be more akin to facing a monster or dragon. Those who refuse to confront this reality literally become trapped and are living within an existence of severe intrinsic disruptions and internal turmoil which reflexively drives the tendency of dissipating these fears and shortcomings into all of those around them, and specifically to the persons who through living in truth, painfully remind them how dark, fearful, and impoverished their souls have become.

Therefore, it becomes imperative to understand that as human beings with essential souls betrothed to our individual spirit, no human being can escape this intrinsic process of self assessment, if not judgment, and that we can never become whole, let alone heal anyone without confronting this reality and experiencing this process. It is critical to comprehend that through spiritual preparation, not only the internal but also the external dragon must be confronted.

Atlantis

Not only must our personal karma be confronted, acknowledged, and understood, but we must also face as a society our collective mistakes. The eternal struggle of good and evil through the forces of light and darkness has always existed, and for the most part will continue in some form to exist within this universe until in the end all has again become unified. So in the foreseeable and distant future oppositions will always continue. At the origins of all our mythologies is the essence of this universal struggle and deeply embedded within the earth’s primordial strata, if not the subconscious of all earthly humans and human cultures, is the story of a great catastrophe which is intrinsically connected to a world culture that has been universally identified as that of Atlantis.

As to whether Atlantis truly existed is beyond the scope of this discussion; but if this question were to ever be tried in court, judged through free and independent persons of science, its physical non-existence would be indefensible as the overwhelming body of evidence now suggests that it truly did exist and its destruction was most likely the cause of a cataclysmic disaster that happened approximately 9,000-11,000 years ago. This fact is not only validated by all Earth’s indigenous cultures, but by all of the Earth’s worldly occult esoteric schools who implicitly believe if not know that the wisdom that they sequester came from a more evolved society that pre-dates the Great Flood. It is vital for us to recognize that in our most essential struggles that we find today in life, all conflicts originate from the transgressions and mistakes of this more ancient culture, which according to legend, culminated into a number of wars that led to the near destruction of the earth and the near extermination of mankind.
So to begin with it is crucial to understand that reviving the wisdom of this culture in its atavistic form through the collective endeavors of the various factions of the occult groups and mystery schools that proceeded forth from it, will only lead to the same catastrophic conclusion; as it is no longer appropriated for any modern human being to live life through the original perspective of an Atlantean, since after this disaster, our souls have irreversibly evolved. This post-Atlantean change is so great that virtually all persons living today are members of a different if not more evolved human group or race. It is also essential for us to understand that we are still living within the fall-out if not the specter of those Atlantean errors. Yet, as hard as I may try to salvage any vestiges of credibility from what I suspect seems like to some tenuous personal revelation by simply remaining silent and completely bypassing such a controversial mystery, I find myself forced to conclude these series of visionary discussions in deep contemplation to its potential realities.

Again, to no surprise, I experienced an extremely lucid dream that appeared to be forcing this consideration. Out of all of my dreams this one seemed to be the most dynamic and vivid. It began very vaguely, as though I had already experienced an epic adventure before a consciousness of the dream began to arise. Eventually, I recall finding myself exploring the bottom of a deep underwater cavernous space which I intuited was lying somewhere on the bottom of the ocean floor. At the deepest recess of this vast chamber lay an immense white monolithic structure which appeared as an absolute mystery. I intuited that after a long and arduous search, I had initially discovered this, but there may have also been a few other souls involved. I then ascend back to the surface where I reported to my scientific colleagues what I had found. This information was astonishing to them and it seemed to mesmerize and electrify them into a unified action.

An expedition was then hastily assembled with a variety of intelligent and capable persons. We then descended back into the abyss where I led them to the deepest recesses of the ocean floor and to the monolith. There was clearly a sense of awe, as we all beheld this mystery, and very quickly there followed what seemed like a great cacophony of activity by the members of the expedition to plan their next move into unlocking its secrets.

I then distanced myself from the group and became inspired to explore the periphery of this structure. Guided by my own will, I ascended up to the top of the monolith. Within the depths of this ocean, I had a sensation of buoyancy even though I really had no sense that I was swimming in it; nor had I any need for diving apparatus as the water seemed less dense, almost like Aether. As I came to the top of this structure I was able to see that it rose above the face of a natural stone wall or ledge, which could have been obscuring a passage beyond the immense cave we were now working within.

It seemed clear to me that the group at the base was getting nowhere as their debate became more animated and argumentative in regards on how to proceed. While this melee was going on below me, I effortlessly worked my way over the top of the monument and quickly discovered that there was a simple latch on the rear face of the upper part of the structure, which I easily activated with a flip of its lever. This
immediately caused the top of the structure to spring open as the entire face plate flew off onto the ocean floor just a few feet away from the astounded crowd below.

This caused an immediate end to the chaos below and triggered an impatient and collective surge towards the top, where we all together paused at this threshold beholding its wondrous revelation. We truly appeared like the proverbial children gazing through a department store window display at Christmas time—full of astonishment and mystical desire for what lay behind its glass—as we beheld arrangements that seemed to be of a scientific nature, but more subtle, like we were looking into an alchemist's laboratory with perpetually glowing flames suggesting to me the eternal combustion of water, along with complicated displays of tubing, retorts, beakers, and other various instruments.

This ancient laboratory was certainly a vision that needed to be contemplated, but something else seemed to be lying further back just out of sight, which upon a collective recognition, seemed to unreasonably reanimate most of the expedition—with one exception—as a voice of reason emerged from the crowd through a woman who suggested that before anyone should advance, we should wait patiently and prudently contemplate and thoroughly understand this mystery through the process of our scientific discipleship of rigorous study and understanding…

This advice was utterly ignored as the rest of the expedition entered hastily past the threshold of the laboratory display rushing quickly towards the end of the chamber where a doorway was then revealed.

I then became subtly detached from all of this and was now observing it from a more distant perspective, as I levitated slightly above the fray watching the group belligerently shove their way through the portal and into a space that expanded into another universe. The landscape seemed to now transform itself from an indoor environment into a primordial and wild expanse somewhat reminding me of an ancient African savanna or great prehistoric plain. These expeditionary characters seemed to be full of arrogance as they charged into this scene. It was at that point where I noticed that some were holding very advanced and sophisticated modern weapons which I intuited were very capable of inflicting severe damage to anyone or anything standing in their way.

All of these visions appeared like scenes from a Kipling story as the characters began singularly and greedily searching for what I believe were treasures which appeared to be nakedly exposed within the foliage of this primeval landscape. But almost as soon as they bent down to hoard these treasures, from over the horizon came immense waves of ancient primordial warriors who appeared to be moving very rapidly in a unified formation towards these intruders. Even though these warriors were in a sense a group of individuals, they seemed to act more as a singular collective entity—like a flock of ravens, or school of piranhas. Their collective power and force was incomprehensible, overwhelming, and swift; so much so that the individual members of the expedition were taken so off guard that they had no time to even raise their weapons in defense. The on-slewing waves of these ancient savages systematically and brutally dispatched these modern intruders with overwhelming volleys of heavy and powerful spears, thrown with
such aggressive force and intention that the victims were not only overwhelmingly and redundantly slain, but that abject terror was instilled on the dwindling surviving members, who now had no additional recourse other than to flee.

Unfortunately, retreat was not an option for the surviving members of this hopeless endeavor as the entrance was now guarded by two immense and fearsome warrior sentinels. The expedition was completely doomed to this inevitable and brutal fate, except for my now more spirit-like self. Eventually I moved effortlessly over the sentinels unnoticed, passing back through the portal, then through the cave, and upwards back to the surface. The dream then abruptly ended.

Immediately, this dream had suggested to me references to Atlantis, as we now find ourselves in many ways very close to not only revealing many of its ancient secrets, but also in unleashing unbridled destructive power in the hands of the spiritually inept. Albert Einstein had suggested that our new-found technologies were being committed into the care of moral imbeciles, as he stated that it was like “putting a straight-razor in the hand of a three year old child.” Yet, I believe that it is far worse than that, as the three-year old has now begun aimlessly pushing launch buttons to an armed and activated nuclear weapon. It is interesting that the only voice of prudence, caution, and reason within this dream came from the lone female, which was clearly wisdom incarnated. Yet, it was pure arrogance, hubris, and greed that led the rest of the expedition to its catastrophic fate.

Again, it may sound incredulous to seriously contemplate the Atlantean myth, yet there are many esoteric sources from the likes of such gifted mystics as Plato, Edgar Cayce, Helena Petrova Blavastky, and Rudolf Steiner that archetypally suggest to us not only how their society was organized, but what eventually went wrong. And if one keeps an open mind upon this matter, then we can begin to see this concept emerge through more familiar Western scriptures and even within the Parables of Jesus.

Considering the mythology of Atlantis, what we will discover is a highly evolved society in both technology and spiritual understanding; yet a conflict emerges befalling the continent which becomes the nidus of our current global struggles. Through consensus of the mystics and surviving legends, it appears that two factions existed within this civilization. The first and oldest, being what was called the Children of the Law of One, and another which emerged called the Sons of Belial. (1)

The Children of the Law of One understood that humanity was individually and collectively interconnected to all of life. This life flowed from a solitary creational source that can be experience as grace, love, and wisdom. Yet, consciousness continues to evolve; therefore these experiences occurred in dramatically different ways. It is stated that during these pre-historic Atlantean times, humans had a weaker sense of individual identity along with less developed logical and rational thinking; which was counterbalanced by deep soul memories and more direct experiences within the spiritual plane. Sources from Plato to religious scripture suggest to us that more evolved god-like
human beings may have lived among them and perhaps even interbred with the lesser evolved human beings. This is well articulated in Plato’s Critias dialog:

“For many generations, as long as the divine nature lasted in them, they were obedient to the laws, and well-affectioned towards the god, whose seed they were; for they possessed true and in every way great spirits, uniting gentleness with wisdom in the various chances of life, and in their intercourse with one another. They despised everything but virtue, caring little for their present state of life, and thinking lightly of the possession of gold and other property, which seemed only a burden to them; neither were they intoxicated by luxury; nor did wealth deprive them of their self-control; but they were sober, and saw clearly that all these goods are increased by virtue and friendship with one another, whereas by too great regard and respect for them, they are lost and friendship with them.”—Plato

This concept is again validated by Edgar Cayce who states that the more egotistical Sons of Belial successfully mated with many of the daughters of the Children of the Law of One. This story is additionally found within our Western scripture in Genesis with references of Fallen Angels interbreeding with the daughters of men. (2) Many strange references within Western scripture also exist in reference to the Nephilim, who were the off-spring of these unnatural unions. The Nephilim were allegedly “giants” although modern interpretation believes the term to be exclusively metaphorical to their infamous capabilities and deeds. Ezekiel mentions the Fallen Mighty (Gibborim Nophlim, גִּבֹּרִים נֹפְלִים) in relationship to ancient pre-Chaldean warriors who sank into the bowels of hell (Sheol) clutching their weapons of war and destruction. (3)

Other sources that come from the writings of modern mystics suggest that human beings actually interacted and were guided by more spiritually evolved entities in a much more vivid and powerful way than most of us have the capacity to imagine. To even question the existence of the spirit to an Atlantean would have suggested to them severe illness. As Rudolf Steiner explains:

“What, then have human beings gained since Atlantis? Two things: ego consciousness and the faculty of sight in the external world. What was previously open to them, the spiritual world, has been closed. These earlier human beings did, indeed, see what was subsequently related by these myths: Wontan-Mercury, Jupiter-Zeus. They saw all of these beings at night; they were among them. The door to these spiritual beings has closed. In their place human beings have gained the world which now surrounds them. The spirits have withdrawn from them; all that they were able to see at that time has disappeared. Formerly they saw the divine when they slipped out of the ‘snail-shell’ of their physical bodies. Now they had to see the divine in a physical body if it was to appear before them.” (4)

Our soul development through consciousness is perpetually evolving, yet it is a cyclical pattern. Esoteric science conveys to us that as our growing awareness for the physical world, along with a developing sense of self emerges or involutes into the physical plane—that this occurs at the expense of our sense of oneness and spiritual awareness.
Currently we are individually and collectively evolving out of this materialistic imprisonment; yet again, by design, there are real forces that are derailing these efforts. It is also important to understand that both encampments of this struggle are at the same time are in error and are correct. It must be understood that if we align ourselves with either faction, we will either be destroyed or enslaved. It is also possible if not highly likely that the vast majority of incarnated human beings living today come from the line of self-aggrandizing egotists, as perhaps the only true Child of Oneness exists in the archetype of the Lamb of God.

What seems to be occurring today is not only the resurrection of the Sons of Belial, but potentially through the transformative unification of Oneness, the redemption of those souls who freely choose to become healed and therefore whole. Contemplation of the mythology of Atlantis inevitably draws us to the final conclusion: that through the resurrection of their technological wisdom, it will again lead us to another global catastrophe, or through lessons painfully learned within its previous calamities—married to the spiritual wisdom transformed through human suffering—redemption through the resolution of this conflict.

One can find a very curious if not highly intuitive passage buried within the footnotes of Carl Jung’s Liber Novus in relationship to this resolution of essential conflict and the Three Prophecies that I cited at the at the commencement of this discussion. It simply states:

“How can I fathom what will happen during the next eight hundred years, up to the time when the One begins his rule? I am speaking only of what is to come.” (5)

**Genesis: Starting from the Beginning**

As previously illustrated, our constitution is a trinity comprising body, soul, and spirit. Hopefully by this point we can begin to see that at least two of these entities are obvious. Even secular science concedes the fact that we are indeed a body and a mind, although it would pain most materialists to suggest that this mind is anything but consciousness that solely has its origins within the biochemical reactions of the brain’s organic structures. Still no matter how hard we try to suppress it, the question of the organizational energy (spirit) still arises. Although it is a non-consideration for the hardcore skeptic, one must concede that through empirical observation, the human being and the universe that the human being finds itself existing within, cannot be explained solely by physical means. Regardless of our viewpoint upon the matter, it is essential to understand that those who are not willing to escape their materialistic imprisonment remain blessed and kept, for even they inevitably serve a part of Creation’s principle elements that ultimately contribute to all of our spiritual journeys.

From our Western cultural perspective, perhaps an acceptable reference point to begin with (at least from a mythological starting point) would be from the biblical references
within the Book of Genesis. Although other resources exist, this could be for some, if not for most, a familiar and reasonable place to start. My contention is that the story that is being conveyed through this narrative begins near the end of the global destruction that annihilated the Atlantean continent. Amazingly, within the first chapter of our Western Bible very powerful alchemical ideas are being expressed that have been completely overlooked by most conventional scholars. Clearly, this comes to no surprise since the proceeding interpretations are heretical to conservative doctrine, and therefore exist outside of the confinements of sanctified deliberations. Consider the following statement:

“Then God said, ‘Let us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; and let them rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over the cattle and over all of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps over the earth.’ God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.” (6)

This passage implicitly suggests that we are created in the image of the Creator, yet the Creator appears to be a plurality. The word used for God from this cited passage in the first chapter of Genesis is Elohim (masculine pleural). Many scholars have concluded it to mean a Royal We as the Elohim could easily mean the Pleroma, which includes a Pantheon of creator entities and the totality of the angelic hosts. More modern Christian translations consider this plurality to mean the holy trinity, although many scholars would not agree. Regardless of the ultimate meaning which is clearly impossible to prove, it suggests to most who have read this passage that this was a consortium of entities that may include beings as varying as Yahweh, the Holy Spirit, higher angels, god-like humans, the demiurge of Yaldabaoth and his archons, or perhaps even the Greek titans of Prometheus and Epimetheus.

Yet, another possibility exists which is alchemical and heretical, and which can be derived from our previously cited discussion on the Qabalistic concept of the Tree of Life. From the Creational source (Kether) emerges two polarities that are masculine (Chokmah) and feminine (Binah). These three entities constitute the Supernal Triangle comprised of these three creational energies. In Alchemy, nothing useful can be created without these two polarities, and that anything created from a solitary polarity is worthless. Even science suggests that the Universe emerged for a microscopic focal point where all of its rapidly expanding energies and therefore material instantly poured forth from. The alchemists described this as an initial separation into a masculine principle in the form of spirit and light, and a dark receptive feminine matrix. Therefore, within the creational process, interplay must exist between seminal spiritual energies and the receptive material matrix. From a holistic perspective, these are the two principle elements of our creational God, which poured forth from an infinitesimal focal point that created the physical universe. Man is therefore created in the same duality as in the image of the Creator, which belongs to the Supernal Triangle of both a singularity and plurality.
Again, all human beings are hermaphroditic as we are created within this Creator image; yet, it isn’t until the second chapter of Genesis where the unified being of man is separated:

“And Jehovah Elohim caused a deep sleep to fall upon Man; and he slept. And he took one of his ribs and closed up flesh in its stead. And Jehovah Elohim built the rib that he had taken from man into a woman; and brought her to man. The man said, “This is bones of my bones, and flesh of my flesh; She shall be called woman, because she was taken out of man.” (7)

Of course, many popular interpretations extract a literal meaning from this passage which suggests that woman was created from man. Perhaps this is a truthful meaning; yet, both male and female entities were already created, if not as separated entities, then as whole entities that were both masculine and feminine. What this passage suggests is a separation from wholeness, as Adam recognizes that what has been taken away came forth from him and belonged to him. He called what was taken away from him, Eve or mother of all that is living; which also suggests that nothing of any significance can be born into this universe without her. He further states that this is something that he will have to marry:

“For this reason a man shall leave his father and his mother, and be joined to his wife; and they shall become one flesh.” (8)

Scholars have interpreted this concept of one flesh to mean far more than a physical union but a conjugium corporis atque animae (marriage of body and soul) suggesting a unified whole. If a marriage between two separate individual human entities of a physical man and a physical woman is the sole intention of this passage, then we have as a culture spectacularly failed to uphold this principle of oneness. On the other hand, the ancient mystical Christians had a concept of two souls, which was simply that our soul had in itself a soul, and that these entities must again eventually become unified. This is beautifully stated within the Thomas Gospel:

“Oh Jesus saw infants being suckled. He said to his disciples, "These infants being suckled are like those who enter the kingdom." They said to him, "Shall we then, as children, enter the kingdom?" Jesus said to them, "When you make the two one, and when you make the inside like the outside and the outside like the inside, and the above like the below, and when you make the male and the female one and the same, so that the male not be male nor the female female; and when you fashion eyes in the place of an eye, and a hand in place of a hand, and a foot in place of a foot, and a likeness in place of a likeness; then will you enter the kingdom.” (9)

Through the eating of the fruit of the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil, humans became self aware as they prematurely strove to become god-like:
“And Jehovah Elohim said, Behold, Man has become one of us, to know good and evil. And now, lest he stretch out his hand, and take also of the Tree of Life, and eat, and live forever!” (10)

Subsequently man was expelled, and Eve, who was the inspiration if not the higher soul of Adam, was punished and became severely limited and subservient to him if not altogether muzzled. Humans were cast out of the Garden of Eden and have been on a search for the fruit that the Tree of Life bears ever since. Regardless of whether we will ever be able to enter again into the Garden of Eden, we will never be able to prepare ourselves to enter into the Kingdom unless we are again guided by our greater inner self. This inner self is no longer just a soul to our essential soul, but one that has been transformed into the embodiment of the universal spiritual archetype that is now suitable to again become one with, in all of the human aspects of body, soul, and spirit. In a very truthful sense, Eve has become transformed by the spirit into the Sophia Christós, which will through its ordained union with our essential self—redeem the lower elements of the individual soul.

It is important to note that there are ample references within our western scriptures to the Great Flood of the Atlantean catastrophe as its destruction was inevitable. Without higher spiritual guidance the once great culture degenerated into what may have been a living hell. Eventually, an epic disaster destroyed the continent and the majority of life on this earth, and it appears that thousands of years past before anything worth remembering again physically existed. Yet, what undeniably remains of Atlantis are its legends preserved within the mythologies of the post-Atlantean cultures, which are so ingrained into our human consciousness that they cannot be as easily buried as the cities of the continent itself. Like all experiences, these memories have become part of the earth’s memory, and therefore our collective consciousness.

Although hard evidence through discoveries of its physical ruins is occurring, in many persons past and present, the subconscious memories of Atlantis have begun to emerge. It is now simply a matter of time before the traces of Atlantis again become a historical fact.

The Temptation in the Desert

It should be fair to state that many people in the West are familiar with or at least have heard of the account of the vision quest of Jesus. By most accounts of the narrative, this occurred immediately following his baptism at the river Jordan which also heralded the commencement of his three year ministry. As the story is conveyed through scripture, Jesus confronts what appear to be one if not possibly two entities, which are the manifestations of forces that rule the physical universe and the lower principles of the human constitution. These forces are deeply implanted within all human beings so it is quite likely that these encounters took place not only on the physical plane of the earth but within the metaphysical or higher dimensional planes of the soul.
There are clairvoyants that have claimed that these encounters have left residual traces within the *Akashic field*, which is literally the *etheric* field that constitutes the earth’s memory. It is again becoming apparent that all human consciousness and experience is linked to and leaves its trace within this memory field as it is also intrinsically part of us. It is also the place where our individual brain can *tune in* to these memory traces as it is quite evident that the human brain does not store long term memory traces within its biological matrix, but it is far more likely to be tuning into experiences that have left residual traces within this etheric or Akashic field. In some individual insights, this field or energy body has been explained as an intra-dimensional plane(s) and that consciousness of experience leaves it traces at the subatomic levels (11). The more intensely emotional an experience is the more vivid our recollection becomes.

It is also quite possible that the deeper we can descend into the subconsciousness of the *mind*, the more ancient the memory traces become. Coincidentally, this was illustrated within the revelations of the previously conveyed dream of Atlantis, as it occurred within the darkest recesses of the deepest ocean. This is also the reason why some individuals under hypnosis can recall lives that extend beyond the one that they are currently living; albeit, that the recall may be riddled with distortions through the intentional or unintentional suggestions of the hypnotist, or directly through conjured entities of spiritual consciousness which can easily influence an unarmed or unguarded soul that has become temporarily *egoless* and vulnerable to suggestion.

This historical log must also include not just physical experiences, but any form of consciousness since recollection of our own dreams can be recalled as memory and therefore are part of this collective unconsciousness. This is the most probable explanation for the highly symbolic archetypal memory phenomena that undeniable all human beings experience or at least have the potential of experiencing within their dreams. Plato recognized this as Anima Mundi or World Soul, which can be experienced in a far more conscious fashion through either esoteric training or through intrinsic capacities that are evolutionarily developed to a greater extent within a minority of currently living individuals. Carl Gustav Jung breached this universal constant with his discovery through direct empirical observation within the landscape of the subconscious mind.

So, contrary to our conventional science and corporate controlled and conditioned learning, there is a significant faction of scholars and researchers who are highly aware of this phenomenon. From an empirical perspective this phenomena can be observed through our relationship of what is known as the *Schumann Resonance*, which is literally the resonating energy of our earth’s biosphere. This frequency of 7.83 hertz directly coincides with Alpha wave activity (7-14 hertz) of the human brain and replicates itself at roughly 7 hertz harmonics up to 34 hertz. This energy is thought to be universal and has been empirically observed to interface with our own low frequency brain waves. (12, 13, 14, 15) Communion with this energy is believed to maintain our well being and human health. It is also thought to be an intrinsic part of memory and recollection. Tangible evidence of this exists, as it is universally demonstrated in space travel when human beings exit the biosphere and health severely decompensates. This condition, known as
space illness, is a global degeneration of virtually all of our biological functions involving the circulation, nerve-sensory, healing, memory, sleep, immunity, musculoskeletal, and endocrine functions, along with increased risks in cancer. Originally thought to be due to the loss of gravity, it is now believed to be due to the lack of our ambient pulsating electromagnetic forces in communion with the earth’s biosphere. It is no secret that NASA has always had tremendous interests in this phenomenon and out of necessity has devoted considerable research to ensure the health of their personnel in their current and future conventional deep-space projects. (16, 17)

Again, these practical empiric scientific observations are reiterating if not highly validating what has always been obvious to the human experience; that we are undeniable connected through less obvious forces, and that an understanding and reverence for this ultimately promotes the health of the individual and the biosphere. Therefore, claims that humans can access such historical information through conscious communion with the Anima Mundi or collective unconsciousness should not be derided by one who claims intellectual enlightenment; at minimum, these sincere claims should at least be respected if not strongly regarded.

In considering these facts, we should also be aware that deeply embedded within us is a great myth. As to whether it is physically truthful or just psychologically truthful is inconsequential in relation to the fact that it can be consciously experienced, and is therefore to a high degree a consistent and archetypal truth. It is from this perspective that we must consider the story of Jesus’ vision quest as it has been sincerely conveyed to us through the documents that contain the account. The following is the narrative from Matthew:

“Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. And after He had fasted forty days and forty nights, He then became hungry. And the tempter came and said to Him, ‘If You are the Son of God, command that these stones become bread.’... But He answered and said, ‘It is written, MAN SHALL NOT LIVE ON BREAD ALONE, BUT ON EVERY WORD THAT PROCEEDS OUT OF THE MOUTH OF GOD.’ Then the devil took Him into the holy city and had Him stand on the pinnacle of the temple, and said to Him, ‘If You are the Son of God, throw Yourself down; for it is written, HE WILL COMMAND HIS ANGELS CONCERNING YOU; and ON THEIR HANDS THEY WILL BEAR YOU UP, SO THAT YOU WILL NOT STRIKE YOUR FOOT AGAINST A STONE.’ Jesus said to him, ‘On the other hand, it is written, YOU SHALL NOT PUT THE LORD YOUR GOD TO THE TEST.’ Again, the devil took Him to a very high mountain and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory; and he said to Him, ‘All these things I will give You, if You fall down and worship me. Then Jesus said to him, ‘Go, Satan! For it is written, YOU SHALL WORSHIP THE LORD YOUR GOD, AND SERVE HIM ONLY.’ Then the devil left Him; and behold, angels came and began to minister to Him.” (18)

It is important to realize that these temptations are archetypal to all human beings and that the tempters of both the Devil (diabolos or deceiver) and Satan (accuser) are forces that have tremendous effects not only in the external realm of the biosphere, but also
within us. It is said that these forces are manifestations of a singular entity (Sorath) that work in conjunction within and outside of us. A basis for this consideration exists within specific theories and philosophies such as René Girard’s Generative Mimetic Scapegoat Mechanism. The idea proposes that it is through mimetic desire, which is intentional manipulations of lusts and desires within the human soul that specifically instigates and fosters feelings of jealousy and envy; which then leads to cultural discordance and destabilization. This is then followed by a process of scapegoating, where an individual or group is single out and punished. Once the violence has erupted it will play itself out through a purge until order has been restored. Once the resolution has occurred, inevitably the process will again regenerative itself. In some ways this ties into the concept of projection, which can occur on both the individual and collective level.

Yet despite these intellectual theories, for me at least, a question still emerges that beckons to be answered, which is simply asking whether these processes are an emergent phenomenon or are there real and identifiable forces that can and must be acknowledged that are detrimentally working through us? In a more elemental sense the question may be, “Does the devil exist?” To the materialist it is a non-question. Yet, I also find it surprising that the question of the devil’s existence is also a non-consideration for many people who profess a faith, as it is a difficult concept if not reality to accept. My contention is that we can never become spiritually evolved, let alone healthy and whole if we choose to remain oblivious to these considerations.

For those who are sincerely seeking to answer this question, clarity can be found through the insights of Rudolf Steiner as his insights to this question was perhaps his greatest gift to all of us. In lectures given on October 6, 1913 in Oslo and on November 18, 1913 in Berlin, which became part of a collection of lectures on the life of Jesus entitled The Fifth Gospel, we are given a narrative through the soul of the clairvoyant that in no way can on the surface be easily verified. Still, one could say the same for the canonical scriptures which essentially constitute the sincere testimony of other human beings inspired through spiritual experience. Within this perspective there is very little if any difference between our ancient scriptures and our more modern spiritual experiences if they are based upon archetypal truth and honestly conveyed.

For those of us who are seeking the answers to life’s greatest questions, validation must ultimately rest within the soul of the individual. Like true art, if one cannot find a meaningful resonance within what is being conveyed, then perhaps it is false, or perhaps one has not spiritually evolved to the point of receiving its message. This fact is clearly observed through our Western scriptures as the words of Jesus are constantly punctuated by the statement “Those that have ears, let them hear.”

In the cited lectures, Rudolf Steiner gives his witnessed account of the temptation in the desert. What he tells us is interesting. According to Steiner, there are in fact two entities that Jesus confronts which Steiner determined as the entities of Lucifer and Ahriman (Satan). Essentially, Rudolf Steiner validates the scriptural accounts but states that the temptations may have occurred in reverse order.
What is quite fascinating is that these temptations appear to address the essential elements of our soul. The third temptation in Matthew (which may have been the first according to Steiner), “All these things I will give you if you worship me.” clearly is addressed to our lower animalistic soul as it is based upon an appeal to the lower physical and emotional (astral) desires for lust, power, and wealth. The second temptation, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from the pinnacle” appeals to the pride and ego within the intellectual soul and is pandering to our narcissistic tendencies and sense of self importance. This may also be an indirect reference to karmic obligations. And finally, the first temptation in Matthew (the last according to Rudolf Steiner), “If you are the Son of God, turn these stones into bread” appeals to the highest soul element. In this most essential conflict Ahriman tries to negate our highest soul by invoking elements of fear within the existential realities of the physical life. Because we must survive by turning stones into bread (make money) in order to lead a modern existence, according to Steiner, Ahriman (Satan) could not be completely rebuked. Furthermore, he goes on to state that Ahriman knew that he had this power and that he was going to use it as an unbridled force to control if not derail human destiny and enslave humanity.

Yet, Christ Jesus was cognizant of this, and although humanity still remains dependent upon if not enslaved to the task of turning stones into bread, redemption, through individual transformation was destined to occur through the eventual development of a higher soul capacity. This higher soul development is exclusively nourished through spiritual elements and spiritual enlightenment and is in a very real sense sustained through love, wisdom, and truth which flows through a universal source that is both spiritual and creational. This process and pathway was exemplified if not catalyzed and determined through the mysterious life of the Redeemer. And just like when one considers the confinements of classic Newtonian physics, if one can move past the orthodox, dogmatic, and conventional interpretations by considering all potentials of this great mythology, a process of inner transformation will ensue. For most of us, this process has clearly taken lifetimes to initiate.

For those that cannot or will not consider this transformational process, what is essential to understand is that while living within the edifices of the lower soul one is to a high degree governed by these lower demonic forces. In a sense we are all living in error or sin when our soul’s attentions are ruled by ignorance, apathy, lust, greed, pride, jealousy, arrogance, hatred, fear, depression, or chaotic thought. It is only
through well articulated and archetypal processes where we are redeemed from the influences of these lower forces that exist in the form of Ahriman and Lucifer. This all becomes revealed within the only work of art that survived the destruction of Rudolf Steiner’s first spiritual center known as the Goetheanum. This surviving art work is a massive elm wood carving entitled the “Representative of Humanity” which symbolizes these two intrinsic and opposing forces of Ahriman and Lucifer that exist within us yet are held in equipoise through the balancing of these energies. According to Steiner, it is through this balance where Christ Consciousness and therefore spiritual development occurs.

Still, not all of humanity is prepared for this transformation as Rudolf Steiner further stated that; Evil forces, a love of evil has taken strong hold of humankind, as there are many individuals that have consciously or subconsciously rejected this transformation, while there are many others who are being intentionally misled. For many souls living today, what is undeniably occurring is transformation of a society that is not only becoming eerily similar to the Atlantean culture that Edgar Cayce described, but that there are mechanisms in place to establish this state of existence for many years onward:

“In the Atlantean land during those periods of early rise of the Sons of Belial as oppositions that became more and more materialized as the powers were applied for self-aggrandizement. This “self-aggrandizement” took the form of the accumulation of wealth and power into the hands of a very few, with the results being extreme social stratification, where perhaps only a few dozens or hundreds of beings ruled over millions”—Edgar Cayce

This observation and its conclusion is inevitable and in fact it is archetypal as over 98% of the material wealth and power within the world is in the hands of less than 2% of its citizens. (19)

**The Doppelgänger**

The beast in me, is caged by frail and fragile bars, restless by day and by night, rants and rages at the stars, God help the beast in me.—Nick Lowe

Throughout the mythology of our culture is a well entrenched concept that deep within us resides a hidden entity which has been referred to as the shadow or the doppelgänger. In many instances this has been demonstrated through art and popular culture. It was also a very important concept within Jungian psychology and esoteric science. We are not born with the presence of this shadow insomuch as it develops over time through a descending force within us that equates to our ego development. It most accurately can be thought of as an anti-spirit or the shadow of the spirit.

In our ruminations of the Narcissus mythology, the story clearly demonstrates how distancing our self from our inner spiritual nature leads to narcissism if not our eventual
ruin. Yet the shadow is ordained to develop. This occurs in a number of ways, beginning with the karmic debt that all of us harbor deep within the unconscious recesses of our eternal soul; and by not acknowledging and confronting it, over time it gains hold over our thoughts and actions through its own fear of not only losing supremacy and control but facing in some ways a divine justice which leads to the shadow’s own attenuation if not eventual extinction. I heard this concept once voiced at a conference by a very prominent and highly venerated teacher (Michaela Glöckler) who stated that, “The Ego fears the Spirit.” Immediately upon hearing this, I believed it to be a provocative if not profound statement as I realized that many of us fear what we don’t know or what we cannot see.

As I contemplated this concept of the Ego fearing the Spirit further, I began to realize that what I have always feared was simply the dark. Even to this day there are times when the recognition of the darkness emerges, and if I am alone within a dark setting or at least confronting one, I cannot help but feel a chilling sense of isolation and powerlessness surrounded by the presence of a hidden outer maleficence. Perhaps this is just ridiculous but this is what I have always intuited. There are also many reasons to understand that if this hidden maleficence does exist I am at least to a great degree immune to its effects. Clearly, a state of balance or wholeness negates any potential effects if in fact this hidden maleficence has any intention of personal harm.

It is quite understandable that this fear of the dark could be interpreted as infantile, yet if one looks for it one could find some very interesting if not validating references to it within our Western scriptures. Literally throughout the parables of Jesus, the worst punishment imaginable is expulsion into the darkness, where there will be tremendous fear and suffering. This clearly suggests an existence without the spirit’s presence and therefore without light and love. It also suggests that this is a state of consciousness if not a place that could sequester insidious forces if not entities that avert the light’s spiritually beneficent presence. Could this in fact suggest possession? Although this seems like an incredibly preposterous suggestion, human scripture is riddled with this concept which does us no good to perpetually ignore. What is important to understand is that we are an interface between the physical and non-physical worlds as our soul acts as a vessel for these metaphysical forces just as much as it receives input from the physical world. In many ways, we are designed to be possessed, although most of us will not experience this in any detrimental way unless we willfully solicit a possession or until something goes egregiously wrong.

Of course, possession may sound like an utterly dismissible concept, yet my sensitivity and awareness to it is based on a number of insights and experiences that I would admit are quite peculiar. The most outrageous of these occurred years ago, while I was still in medical school. I was sitting with my future wife on a front doorstep off of Halstead Street on a balmy Chicago evening in the early spring of 1991 and was simply killing time by watching the pedestrians parading up and down the street. As I was looking north, I saw briefly an apparition, which I initially dismissed. Yet, I had never seen anything like this before, nor have I seen anything like it since. What I saw about a half block away from me was a large figure that stood almost a whole head taller than the rest
of the walkers. He initially seemed like a mirage as there was a dark shimmering energy that surrounded him. I also had a brief, but very clear vision that there was a vortex of dark chaotic energy that hovered around him…

Within this vortex there appeared to be two distinct entities that seemed like winged demonic beings, acting like hornets fighting for possession of a nest. This vision lasted for a few seconds and then it dissipated. As this person walked closer towards us, the energy around him seemed to involute into him while at the same time it began to manifest itself through him as his features became more distinguishable the closer he approached us.

Finally, he was almost upon us. He had a very stiff and inflexible gait and appeared to be in a trance or some altered state of consciousness. As he walked directly past me his head turned towards us and although he looked in my direction, I wasn’t quite sure if he actually saw me. At this point he was only about five feet away. He then briefly paused, and turned his head south and proceeded down the street in the direction of a well known homosexual bar about a half a block away. From the way he was dressed his destination seemed obvious. My initial impression was that this man was clearly in an altered state of consciousness if not a highly disturbed individual. Yet, I was still perplexed about the brief apparition of demonic hornets and I was clearly asking myself, “Did my mind just play a trick on me?”

If this was my only experience with this person there was more than a fair chance that I would have forgotten him. But in the morning after a night of music, we arouse early and headed out of my consort’s apartment and north up Halsted Street to a local diner for breakfast. When we arrived at the corner of Halsted Street, Fullerton, and Lincoln Avenue, there waiting for a bus was the same disturbed individual. This time I found myself standing uncomfortably close to him as we waited to cross the street. This time I felt far more threatened and actually intuited a real sense of danger.

As the signal changed and we proceeded to cross the street, I wasn’t quite sure whether he was following us, and it was not until I was halfway across the intersection that I turned to look over my shoulder to make that he wasn’t. It was to my great relief when I realized that he was not following us, as he now turned his back to us in anticipation for his bus. It was at this point that I turned towards my partner and quietly stated in her ear, “That guy’s a freaking mass murder.” Both of us laughed as the tension was dissipated.

Again, I would have never thought twice about this peculiar episode, except that later in the year, when I came back for my school’s brief summer break to visit my parents, there greeting me on their large screen television, was the same man. I had been so busy studying for finals that I was completely out of touch with what was going on in the outside world. I quickly found out that a man had recently been arrested in Milwaukee who would take public transportation down to Chicago and pickup homosexual men who he would later kill, mutilate, and eat. This man was one of our country’s most infamous mass murders, Jeffery Dahmer.
Sure, it could have all been just a coincidence, but over the years I have come to regard this encounter as a highly instructional synchronicity which demonstrated to me an egregious example of what can be regarded as a possession. As to whether or not I was seeing the unbridled doppelgänger, or something else, still remains unclear to me. From what I have come to understand, and from what has been universally observed, is that many a mass murder fits within the Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde archetype. So it is quite possible that indeed it may have been what I saw, but my intuitions have always suggested that I had actually witnessed a man who was so distant from his true spiritual self that he created a void or dark edifice within his soul that seemed to actually harbor maleficent metaphysical energies. Many have suggested that we can become vulnerable to this through abuse, addictions, pathological depression, manipulation, and fear.

Immunity from this fear if not from the insidious external forces themselves cannot be appreciated let alone achieved solely from the lower soul perspective of ego where these concepts only exist as theory and are utterly dismissed. It is only through the perspective from the higher spirit filled consciousness soul or simply I am where we are truly shielded from these influences (although our mythologies and clairvoyant observations also suggest that through grace a guardian entity in the form of an angel may also exist). Again, this greater level of awareness is achieved through the recognition and unification of the higher essential soul to the greater inner spiritual self. This union can not be achieved within the presence of the doppelganger, as it will not allow it to occur.

As the process of transformation occurs so too follows an awareness of separation from the shadow. In my vision of the Alchemical marriage what I experienced was the essential higher soul stripped away of lower ruling elements. What I beheld was a being that was devoid of all malice and receptive to what was about to come forth. Through this subsequent experience I have come to understand that this process of transformation has not negated the doppelganger, as it is clearly still there; but it is now recognized and is no longer part of my eternal and essential self—as I have also come to realize that this shadow was never truly part of my eternal soul.

In some accounts people will experience the doppelganger or shadow leaving the body days before death occurs, so clearly this experience has always been considered as a negative or bad omen. Fortunately, I have not seen it leave; yet, I clearly understand and feel its presence. It is also believed that these lower Luciferic and Ahrimanic forces are essential to our earthly life and are not actually purged but redeemed through the transformational process. As Rudolf Steiner has suggested, this is done by balancing these energies. As we shall see, in either extreme these forces become overpowering and detrimental, and in a very real sense one will be living intentionally or unintentionally enslaved to the services of these forces if balance cannot be achieved.

Therefore, pandering to these lower ruling principles through the myriad of media sources is highly detrimental to this transitional balance. But again in trying to answer the question, “Does the Devil exist?” for those with ears to hear and eyes to see, it is no longer a question as deceptive, detrimental, and maleficent intentions can easily be seen behind the chaotic and fearful facade of our modern existence as a rewarding and healthy
life without a greater level of spiritual awareness is becoming unsustainable for those who seek to find harmony and peace within their lives.

“Jesus said, “If those who lead you say to you, ‘See, the kingdom is in the sky,’ then the birds of the sky shall precede you. If they say to you, ‘It is in the sea’ then the fish will precede you. Rather, the kingdom is inside of you, and it is outside of you. When you come to know yourselves, then you will be known, and you will realize that it is you who are the sons of the living father. But if you do not know yourselves, you dwell in poverty, and it is you who are that poverty.” (20)

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(1) Edgar Cayce, Atlantis, ARE Press 2010, page 62-63: “The Sons of Belial were of one group, or those that sought more the gratifying, the satisfying, the use of material things for self, WITHOUT thought or consideration as to the sources of such nor the hardships in the experiences of others. Or, in other words, as we would term it today, they were those without a standard of morality. The other group - those who followed the Law of One - had a standard. The Sons of Belial had no standard, save of self, self-aggrandizement.”

(2) Genesis 6:1-2, “Now it came about, when men began to multiply on the face of the land, and daughters were born to them, that the sons of God saw that the daughters of men were beautiful; and they took wives for themselves, whomever they chose.”

(3) Ezekiel 32:27


(6) Genesis 1:26-27

(7) Genesis 2:21-22

(8) Genesis 2:24

(9) The Gospel According to Thomas, 22

(10) Genesis, 3:22

(11) Thomas Bearden AIDS: Biological Warfare, Chapter 5, Extraordinary Biology, ISBN 0-914119-04-4, page236-238, “Notice that mind, thought, and memory reside in, and are recorded in, the atomic nuclei. At many virtual state levels. In many hyperdimensions… The human
cerebral cortex is a natural scalar interferometer. It is a virtual state tuner, processor, and transmitter-receiver. It also can produce...and control to some extent...phase conjugate energy and phase conjugate waves.”

Note: Phase conjugate energy and phase conjugate waves refers to the scalar force or hidden energy discovered by Nikola Tesla in his wireless power experimentations. This is a dark matter or zero point energy which equates to the etheric forces which the ancients called Aether. Again, this is the force that universally binds all living systems to the firmament of the cosmos, which is a vital life force, involved in the restoration of and maintenance of health, memory, instinctual behavior, and intelligent design.


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