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“Discernment, The Dark, and Falsehoods”

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These essays are presented for their value to anyone who cares about the future as humanity prepares to make the greatest shift in consciousness and existence ever. We cover a wide range of topics including social-values research, “future-views”, the world situation, and advanced spiritual perspectives.



“GLOBAL AWAKENING means individuals and communities becoming aware of and embracing their true nature – one of interconnectedness, service, and spirituality, as we express extraordinary dimensions of our larger being. “

State of the Vision and Our Situation

By Alex Kochkin

This commentary serves as a general introduction to the material in the included articles.

Introduction

Over the past several months we have covered topics such as the nature of the dark and the light, the emergence of Creation-2, the New Earth, examined problems in the process of creation, and the considered implications for the evolution of humanity. We have also touched on the existence of major transformational processes that are working to alter the nature of reality and serve to propel humanity into its next stage of evolution as spiritual beings. In this issue we focus on some of the systemic problems that clearly indicate cause for humanity to de-couple from what has been passed off as “normal” social and physical reality.

As noted in the November issue of GA News, there are two major tendencies within humanity engaged in a push-pull with one another, with a great deal of amplification occurring due to various influences outside of the immediate human sphere of awareness.

On one hand, there are those who are more aligned and focused on spiritual evolution than ever before. These individuals are a part of the early waves of humanity who are moving forward in their the evolution of consciousness and energetic make-up –surprisingly not all of them are aware of this! This group includes religious and non-religious orientations.

On the other hand there are those who are enmeshed and heavily identified with the dominant paradigm, the control matrix. This latter group includes both those of wealth and social-material power as well as those without any wealth or social-material power. This group also includes the religious as well as the non-religious.

To be certain, these are *not* antagonistic groups. Why? It is simply *not* possible for those more spiritually advanced to function in such a manner that gives rise to polarity and conflict. The home of polarity and conflict exists *within* the control matrix paradigm and is presently isolated to certain points in Creation-1, such as the present Earth-based reality. The sooner an individual disengages their consciousness from the control matrix, the sooner they will discover a new freedom and a new future and a new reality. Yes, it is entirely possible for a period of time to continue working and living within the “control matrix” and yet not have your consciousness identify with it. Yes, it is possible (although painful at times) to be very aware of what is transpiring in the old paradigm reality. And yes, temporarily it is a challenge

“From the beginning, two obvious choices are offered to mankind. One is leading to a bright future if the desires of the Great Spirit are honored. ...the other would eventually lead to the destruction of this world as we know it. This destruction has happened several times before and for similar reasons.”

– from Robert Boissiere
*Meditations with The Hopi: A
Centering Book*

to continue in ways that appear “ordinary” to yourself and others, yet always aware that you have shifted much in your consciousness. The next stage involves a shifting of your physicality and then more dramatic shifting of consciousness, etc. What we are describing here is a major facet of an ascension process.

So here is a question to quickly sort out what is most important in ones life:

If you were given the opportunity to be free of all forms of physical and emotional suffering and limitations, to be able to know anything, to live in a state of truth, love, and beauty, to explore the nature of existence, to learn how to create new environments, and to do this in community with others and be in direct conscious connection with higher realms of consciousness... *would you choose this over your present life situation and outlook?*

Reality Paradigm, De-coupling, and Awakened Community

Over recent decades, many popular teachers, authors, gurus, and techniques have been promoted to seekers, all offering promises of the secret of the ages, the benefits of enlightenment, happiness, freedom, joy, love, beauty, wealth, sex, peace, love, power, special “blessings”, etc., ad nauseum. There have been slick marketing campaigns with catchy phrases such as “authentic living”, “integral culture”, “authentic power”, “wisdom of the world”, “authentic spirituality”, “the secret”, etc. They provide clever marketing covers to keep people in a state of falseness and living within a subset of the dominant control matrix. Every year we see “re-branding” and new “package design” with claims of “new and improved” versions for people to sign up for. These are moneymakers for those living off the talk/seminar circuses, offering a parade of revelations about ET’s, debates over global climate change, campaigns to end world hunger, and various “unity and oneness” pitches that serve to distract and misdirect and conceal the true nature of a reality matrix ruled by dark forces. Amidst all this is another falsehood, that of *voluntarism*, which misleads people into thinking the individual can triumph with enough effort. Further extended to humanity, this leads to a greater hubris and falsehood that *on its own* humanity can solve its problems and eventually reach the stars and beyond. The mixture of miasms that define the parameters of social beliefs and ideas serves one purpose only: to reinforce the prison of illusion that provides “the powers that be” with a key social control mechanism.

We were recently asked if there were any organizations or movements that we supported or endorsed, to which, the answer must be *none*, with one qualifying exception. Any organization or well-read publication today that has any significant effect or reach, nationally or globally, is likely to be heavily influenced by dark force patterning and otherwise compromised by virtue of its human operators and the natural consequences of emerging from within the control matrix. Thus their efforts can readily feed into the plans for a single global government controlled by a plutarchy, or otherwise easily side-tracked into ineffectiveness.

Concerning those rare initiatives that were inspired and designed from outside the matrix and in effect “smuggled” in through non-compromised human conduits, it was found that their implementation would have required human resources that simply did not exist and those most supportive were not capable to lead something of a high purpose, and hence those missions would have been undermined.

The qualifying exception to our non-support would be those *local self-organizing efforts* that are primarily and fundamentally *spiritually focused*. And this is why we support and encourage the formation of as many forms as possible of *local awakened community*. To date there are *no* local or national efforts that have demonstrated spiritual maturity and accomplishments to justify any outreach beyond their own core locale. While it is always possible this situation can change, it is not very likely. Naturally, self-organizing communities of people will seek out others to share information and inspiration and this is a good thing. But there cannot be any one model that promotes itself over any others and there cannot and must not be any organization, individual, or group that becomes a central body in effect handing out “franchises”.

This warning is made quite deliberately with the intent to discourage groups of emerging spiritualized humans from overreaching their level of consciousness and spiritual capacity and from trying to organize others along particular models and energetic matrix. This caution is also to serve as constructive guidance to those seeking awakened community. Unless it is a local effort you are an equal part of, there is no group or leaders to join. Imagine an organism made up of independently functioning cells, all different, yet all moving with common purpose. It is that plain and simple.

Some would ask, if the status quo or the power elite is not openly challenged for power, is that not also supporting their dark plans? To which the answer is an unqualified *no*. Such a question implies that this reality is the only one there is and that the way the world and humanity functions is all there is to work with. If anything, such a false assumption as that is dangerous as it would condemn humanity to the ravages of a parasitic system under the rule of dark forces.

Those who are most aware of the nature of the control matrix and the power elite, know that there is *nothing* to gain in “fighting the system” since the structure of their power and influence is so pervasive and the operating parameters so closely defined. Simply put, you cannot win at their game by playing according to their rules. (Who would want to wind at their game, anyway?) Hence, it will be local communities of spirituality that will be in the best position to weather the storms of social and planetary changes.

One of the oldest social and political control mechanisms in history, known as “religion”, has been repackaged and remarketed by both religious and non-religious interests. This is being done under the falsehood that the “great” religions of the world all offer ways of connecting with God and gaining deeper spiritual wisdom. This further reinforces the falsehood that spirituality and religions are either the same or closely related. Fundamentally, the only thing that religions have to do with spirituality is that they have been one of the most successful ways to *prevent* masses of people from connecting to God, Higher Consciousness, and their own innate spirituality. Religions have done this by placing arcane doctrines, practices, and some of the most un-enlightened individuals in positions of power and influence over the lives of most of the world’s population. For those who are not members of a religion, they too are controlled by this --perhaps by their own opposition to religion, perhaps by the effects of religious cover provided to various wars. In some countries, such as the U.S.A., this false linkage between religion and spirituality has served for generations to prevent enlightened civil spirituality from arising and supplanting the influence of the dark forces. While there are now factors in play that will serve to weaken the hold that the religions have over people, these institutions will continue to exert much influence over humanity. (*Editor note: We make no distinction between religions and their respective institutions as they are practicably inseparable.*)

There are organizations and publications that speak of serving humanity's awakening in one form or another. A few are organized as religious movements, but most appear to be more secular. One such group adopted "awakening" as a slogan and promotes something called the Earth Charter Initiative that requires obedience to the United Nations treaties! (Editor note: The Earth Charter is a creation of a Gorbachev-led group and appeals to many of the same people as does the Gore-led global warming misdirection campaign.) One might well ask, who truly controls the U.N., who controls the most important treaties/agreements, and who has veto over the security council? Both these "projects" serve to conceal the true nature of the global control elite and help maintain human bondage under the guise of "we are all in this together" and seeking superficial reforms.

As the dominant social and physical paradigm and energetic reality breaks down, a different reality and paradigm moves into place. It will be those who have disengaged from the old and connected with the new energies and higher consciousness who will find freedom in new dimensions of existence. Some of these individuals will be willing to maintain some connection to the old reality to aid others in transition and transformation.

Wonderful surprises are in store for those who are more aware.

Catalyzing Further Shifts in Consciousness – Breakdown of the Social and Planetary Environments

Recently, tens of millions of people throughout the world have been severely impacted by destructive high winds and heavy rains. Unusual tidal events are now affecting coastal areas around the world with surging tides and gradually rising water. These tidal events are partly due to submarine lands displacing seawater. These are examples of the start of major "adjustments" to the planetary environment of terra firma, oceans, and skies with which our physical existence is related.

Food prices are drastically rising globally. The present financial crises are leading to the greater impoverishment of more people and to the greater concentration of wealth and power in the hands of a small number of humans. We are now somewhere around 25% into a global economic crash that will mainly serve to benefit those who are at the top of the "food chain" as well as their most loyal servants.

Unusual space energies are anticipated for December 2007 as well as possible large earthquakes that would affect North America. Also major earth change events are anticipated around October 2008.

Strange space and atmospheric anomalies have been observed and will be more noticeable in the coming weeks and months, for those so inclined, these will be signs of great changes. The recent comet sightings fit very closely with Hopi and other prophecies.

The period between now and 2010 will be one of extreme change for the planet as well as humanity. As always, choices become personal. It is difficult to let go of the railing of the Titanic while it still appears to be partially afloat.

In the political and social sphere there is growing outrage and opposition to the recent loss of presumed "civil rights" and the bursting of the false economic "prosperity" that has been

highly orchestrated. This, coupled with decades of malicious deceit, corruption, and endless warfare causing terrible suffering for hundreds of millions of people, is leading to civil unrest and a repressive response by the authorities in the U.S.A and other countries. The opposition is highly fractionated and confused and lacks experience in elections, government or organization. Unless there is a focus on local core community, and the local political subdivisions, such opposition will have little effect.

Many well-intended people think it is possible to change the control matrix using its own operating rules of control against it. This is a dangerous approach to take. Those newcomers who think they can effect social revolution peacefully or otherwise lack much of any understanding of the ease with which the global controllers rule over six and half billion people and most certainly lack any understanding of the basic operating rules of society –in the USA or most anywhere else.

Business magazines comment on billionaires and large company rankings. But they avoid talking about *trillionnaires* and the true extent of global control that rests in the hands of a very few hundred people that are headed by several families and coordinated by small committees. They in turn rely on a strata of highly privileged and influential individuals numbering in the tens of thousands. This strata in turn relies on the services of a strata numbering in the hundreds of thousands who are themselves wealthy and privileged to carry out the actual directives that are to lead to an absolute world government. *(Editor note: we are deliberately omitting discussion here of alliances with various inter-dimensional and other off-world interests.)*

In turn this strata relies on another layer of servants numbering in the millions, including senior managers, executives, administrators, politicians, etc. They in turn reach out through every means available to misdirect and confound the masses to stay with the system, things will get better, consumer spending will increase, etc. The global controllers have planned ahead for generations, while the social progressive of good intentions are barely able to react to events that are already beyond their grasp.

Their vision of the world is one of a highly controlled society and population levels. The global controllers have absolutely no preference of allegiance to any country, political or social “-ism”, and will use *any and all means* at their disposal to move inexorably toward their long-range goals. We are presently very close to seeing this implemented. The only thing that will prevent this is the great transformational process of the earth and humanity that is underway under the guidance and facilitation of the highest levels of God consciousness.

Simply due to natural circumstance, most who are aligned with spiritual awakening have little or no grounding in the realities of society and its political and economic dynamics and mechanisms. Hence the apparent naivete expressed by these people. Those more aware of these mechanisms have little spiritual grounding through which to discern rightly and wrongly. The resulting incoherency is what we see around us, especially in the U.S. Europe has its own issues and is driven by excessive intellectualism rooted in an old paradigm and generally lacking spiritual vision.

Social unrest will become more pronounced and an increasingly harsh and authoritarian response from those in power will be implemented. There are many different types of people in U.S. who share common beliefs as to the right of free speech and dissent, the right to own firearms, and in what are supposedly rights and responsibilities conferred by the U.S. Constitution and the U.S. Declaration of Independence. Likewise, there are many in the armed

forces and national guard who have major differences with official governmental policy and directives. Yet all these groups are divided by beliefs and lifestyle and are easily manipulated into ineffective responses.

Those in the greatest positions of power and influence (and who are not likely to be public figures) have their own imperatives that naturally are in conflict, violently in certain situations, with the best interests of large numbers of people. Hence the power elite will find ways to facilitate social breakdown, including the shift of vast wealth that is underway, the loss of the national language of English, the control of free travel between states and out of the country, etc. They will direct new false flag “terror” events to be staged to further shock the population into submission and fractioned confusion. The merging of the U.S., Canada, and Mexico is underway for 2008 and will require a new set of transnational laws. It will be certain that these laws will not be open for public discussion or election referenda.

In many countries similar situations will be uniquely tailored to local situations. Make no mistake, the movement toward establishing global rule by a plutarchic elite is underway. The global elite have looked and planned ahead for generations. In contrast, so-called social-spiritual progressive organizations and individuals are barely able to cooperate for more than one year in a fractionated tactical alliances and have always operated in reaction to perceived issues and challenges from the control matrix. In this manner they actually help, in a perverse way, to maintain the status quo. This is a fundamental problem of polarity consciousness and the “us versus them” mentality that pervades. The control matrix could not be so effective otherwise.

Managed and staged manipulations of the financial markets, military and international policy, mainstream media pronouncements, etc. will be used to misdirect and confuse any of the public who foolishly rely on such sources for “news”. Internet sites that broadcast the reality of society under a “Fourth Reich” would be shut down. Countries are to be formed into regions, regions to be merged into a single world government. Fabricated fears will be used to remove what few legal protections remain of free speech. Currencies will be replaced by electronic data exchanges. Those who are enfranchised into society will carry a radio-frequency chipset either in the form of identity cards on their person, or bio-chip implants inside their body. Those who step out of line in terms of critical dissent will find themselves economically and legally “removed”

“Voluntarism”

(Not to be confused with volunteering)

Based on the false concept of the “triumph” of the individual in overcoming adversity, many people assume that only if enough people focus their efforts then x-y-z problems can be solved in today’s world. However, the legacy from the old paradigm/control matrix is unusable and potentially dangerous to adopt by well-intentioned social-progressive reformers.

Voluntarism, extended fully to humanity, is a form of collective self-centeredness and arrogance. It misinforms humans that they do not need to develop and rely upon connection to God/Source in order to thrive. People equate thriving with genetic procreation and material well-being. In the absence of awakened spiritual consciousness, this is not possible and it is a dangerous illusion.

Thus voluntarism becomes another form of separation - humans connected to humans (thinking they are all in a community of “togetherness”) and arrogantly thinking they do not need conscious connection to God/Source -- “we will reach the stars and touch the face of God” --through sheer will and material effort.

This is why first and foremost must we remind that we are spiritual beings and that we must first connect and listen to our higher nature and guidance.

and disenfranchised from the common society. Society will become populated by those who are good at living in denial and ignorance and in hiding their feelings and opinions. Such is the vision of the global controllers.

While a large majority of U.S. adults do not believe the official lies about September 11th, the Middle East wars, etc., there remains a significant minority that continues to support the “powers that be”. Some of these people are simply part of the “social inertial ballast” group profiled in the research essay in this issue of GA News, others are part of backward religious fundamentalist tendencies that seek to implement specific end-time scenarios as part of their own twisted path to spiritual “salvation”. Additionally, there simply are those rich and poor who are simply accustomed to being stupid or are materially bought off and thus partially vested in “the powers that be” version of the future.

There are those who are so easily manipulated by “the powers that be” –mostly well-intentioned but seriously impaired individuals who continue to live in denial as to the true nature of the two-faced single party control system. Then there are those who for some reason have not been paying close attention to what good information is available to them and think that somehow a clean reform candidate actually stands a chance of being elected and that a clean sweep is possible of the heavily corrupt U.S. Congress. Perhaps they were not paying attention to the rigged elections or think that presidents or key party leaders do not get assassinated. Then there are those who are naïve in thinking that race or gender somehow is a deciding factor with regard to consciousness or ethics. These people have obviously not been paying attention to the information available to them either.

Recently published dire economic forecasts anticipate a severe global economic crash by the end of 2009. It is our assessment that this is more likely to occur before the end of 2008, depending on the severity of anticipated earth changes. If the earth changes are less severe in their destruction, then it is more likely that the economic crisis will be smoothly managed to more efficiently concentrate more wealth and power in the hands of the plutarchy and diminish what limited social economic freedom exists for the masses of people from whom they extracted their wealth in the first place.

It is only natural for people to want to maintain connection with what has been familiar, even if it causes further suffering. As the national and global economic, social, and political processes breakdown, more people will have an opportunity to see the terrible lies and villainy behind the public faces of their most influential public figures and institutions. To some this will cause righteous anger and desire for retribution, to others it will be cause to abandon any further identification with or expectations of life under the control matrix. And yes, there will

Dynamics in the Battle for Humanity

“There seems to be a wide spectrum of responses by individuals to the changes they are aware of and anticipate. However, what may appear as a very complex situation can be readily analyzed into two aspects. These are distinguished from one another by whether or not one believes humanity’s future is dependent upon a primary and fundamental requirement of spiritual awakening and conscious connection to our higher nature and source as spiritual beings.”

“It is important that while humanity is very much split over this, it is possible for individuals and networks to shift between these two paradigms. For example, those who are spiritually oriented can become overly invested in righteous causes and slip into polarity consciousness and voluntarism; those more materially oriented can come to spiritual realizations and shift. These are basic dynamics involved in the battle for humanity.”

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continue to be a small but significant group that constitutes “social inertial ballast” the effect of which is to support the dominant control structures. As more people see more of the reality behind the public façade, millions of people will open to new possibilities and higher consciousness.

Naturally, for the majority of people who identify with the present reality, it is only natural to seek public expression of protest and exposure. For those full of righteous outrage over the current world situation, to act externally by campaigning against this and that, is of limited value however, and consumes precious human resources in an oppositional mode, leaving little energy for constructing something new. A caution would apply to those in the early stages of awakening –their nascent and unconsolidated spiritual energies are easily dissipated by acting in opposition to the “control matrix”. This does not mean to be apathetic, as many would have you be, nor does it mean not to discuss the nature of “the powers that be”. To the contrary, it is good to be aware and informed. However, there are different avenues for expression and action for those who are moving through the transformational process.

People need to consider all actions taken in the name of nations, races, religions, etc. as deeply as possible. Ultimately, why should humanity be allowed to go on as it has been? Survival of genes? Not a good reason. The codes of life can be recreated and reseeded endlessly. To be good planetary citizens who can turn all Earth and eventually the cosmos into one vast commercial (hopefully more peaceful) enterprise? I think not.

Everyone needs to consider why they are alive today and ask their highest selves what the highest possible future could be to their highest aspirations as essentially spiritual beings? Ask what is the highest possible future for this experiment of Creation that "thinks" it is self-aware and calls itself "humanity"?

This central aspirational question needs to permeate our lives daily and be allowed to inspire and inform and guide our actions. This is perhaps a most revolutionary question. This can help dissolve most of the ties that so directly and indirectly bind so many people to corrupt organizational institutions and social customs. In turn this will have a powerful revolutionary effect on people's actions and energies.

Welcome communion with your own higher selves and with the highest levels of God Consciousness. *Demand* to see beyond the illusions. Make this your prayer/intention to yourself every night before you go to sleep. Ask to remember the answers as well. It is your divine right. This is why creating new forms of community relationships is so important now as a transition step to a radically more evolved existence that relies upon our basic nature as spiritual beings rather than as intelligent yet self-centered humans.

More on Awakened Community

There is a general call to form new community and it is being conveyed by various individual messengers. New books and articles are appearing. In one recent commentary, Karen Bishop (www.whatsuponplanetearth.com), highlights the release of arrogance and the importance of living in community with others where the energies and vibrations of each must be able to exist in harmony with a community lifestyle. Karen writes:

“We are being prepared for community living. And we are purging and releasing arrogance. So even though these times may be stressful, challenging, and stretch us to the maximum, they

would not be occurring if community living was not on the very near horizon, and if we were not, as always, aligning more fully with Source. In order to live successfully in community, we must fit. The energies and vibrations of each and every one of us must be able to exist in harmony with a community lifestyle. We are being groomed and prepared for community living because so much of the old world and old systems will be falling away and will end in the very near future. In this way, we can now know that all is always in divine and perfect order, as we are always and most certainly being protected and guided through this amazing ascension process. ... In community living, the whole is vitally important. We cannot exist without the whole, and each and every one of us is vitally important to the success of the whole. So then, arrogance comes from things being our idea, and not as much an idea that stems from our connection to Source.”

The arrogance she refers to is related to the centrality of the individual operating in separation from Source consciousness. It is related to the concepts of the triumph of the individual effort over circumstances and when extended to humanity, would represent a collective embrace of the dark forces that have for so long manipulated portions of Creation-1 for their own selfish ends.

That humans get together to work in community in a new way in the context of spiritual awakening (rather than physical survival) is a very important thing. This is in contrast to organizing political communities under the illusion of building a grassroots movement to overthrow the old order and make a new world. It would be hubris for humans to think that *on their own* they can fix everything or make everything new in the absence of conscious connection to higher self/higher God/Source.

It is folly to think that a new world will emerge through elections, money and policy. The time is over for this sort of "gradualism". What is on the horizon is the complete transformation of the planet and humanity.

The battle for human consciousness and human existence is now clearly on earth and in the human sphere. It is evident everywhere. Various individuals and organizations are showing up this year that use the “right sounding” catch phrases to keep people within the boundaries of the matrix. Most of the public figures associated with social or spiritual “progressive” groups are not in any position to offer anything that represents an evolutionary step forward to humanity, despite their years of writing and talking about such possibilities. For reasons too complex to explain in this brief section, there are presently no viable alternatives for social organization and economy at a global level. It is of the utmost importance for people to focus now, where they live and work, on forming new community with one another. One that transcends any and all established organizational and belief systems. We have identified three basic guiding principles: *trust, caring, and service* that are within a fourth and *greater context of connection to all of creation*. Thus local community can be of mutual assistance of one another and whenever possible form networking relationships with other similarly aligned

A Warning

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communities. This represents the most useful transitional form for humanity as people become more acquainted with the transformational processes that are unfolding.

In Conclusion

This *State of the Vision* has been necessarily lengthy. To sum up a little, there are basically two paths. For the majority of people who may not be aware of this, they will be soon enough by virtue of events in the human and earthly physical realms as well as events and transformational energies in the invisible realms.

Humanity is closer than ever before to activating the most extreme consciousness and reality-shifting possibilities. At present, the level of tension between catastrophic change by human or natural origins and the influx of higher consciousness has grown to a truly unprecedented magnitude.

Humanity must graduate to 5th dimension and beyond, one way or another. There is no other future. This reality is nearly over and done with. There is nothing to fix or that is fixable. To hang on, under even well-intentioned self-delusion of making cities, towns, counties, states, nations better, etc. is a dead end. Those who hang on too long will have the roughest ride.

There are many who continue to naively hope that reform leaders can be elected and that our civil rights will be reinstated and that the economic crisis will not continue into a more profound crash affecting people worldwide. At the present trajectory, there is the gradual degeneration of capitalistic consumer society, while quietly local communities of people intentionally aligned along lines of spiritual evolution arise here and there and become islands of light for millions of people.

Humanity will be buffeted by waves of tumultuous energies of the light and dark while the powerful transformational energies work in the background and soon more in the foreground. What will surprise everyone, regardless of personal beliefs, will be these energies and the alterations to physical reality. (A future article will discuss more of the transformational process that was introduced in the October issue of GA News.)

Humanity has reached a point where it has devoted most available resources toward destructive conflict among itself and with the natural world. This cannot continue unabated. We can and must make new choices and act upon them. It is within our grasp and capacity to do so. The first step is to wake up to this option. We have so artfully managed to distract ourselves with personal and collective pleasures and power-seeking that we, as a species, seem hopelessly *unconscious* to an impending dramatic crossroad in our reality. The possibility of true peace and resolution to all aspects of human suffering and conflict with our natural environment is now before us.

An enlightened future *is not* about polarities. It is not about who we do or do not vote for, democracy or plutocracy, or war or peace. It is not about differences between various religious texts and what various groups of people think about them. It is not about capitalism or the corruption of society by the “commodification” of our personal and social relationships. These are all the short-term choices that we seem to have already made by default and for which we now seek remedies.

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What is before us is the emergence of an evolutionary shift in our physical, social, psychological, and spiritual existence. This shift benefits everyone, regardless of their personal circumstance or belief system. What is needed is to surrender our ordinary personal and societal “ambitions” in favor of spiritual evolution. It is becoming more present to us every day –it is, after all, our future selves calling to us.

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Discernment, The Dark, and False Teachers & Movements

By Alex Kochkin

A very large number of “leading” individuals in the social-spiritual/new age movements, have built careers charging others for their talk and practice time, books, conference circuits, channeling, “healing networks”, and attracting schools of students. Their “student-followers” pay them, sometimes for years at a stretch, for the “privilege” of dysfunctional co-dependency. Many of these “leading” individuals skipped out on a deeper immersion in the higher energies and deeper knowing, and opted to take a few grains of truth and particles of wisdom and package it for sale to a hungry and thirsty public, often with the best of intentions at first.

Many of these influential individuals may have *initially* performed a good service in getting people to think and act differently and to seek spiritual growth. However, in the context of the current situation, most of these “teachers” are objectively promoting various ways to continue living in delusion and denial under the thumb of the global controller elite.

In trying to fulfill their own personal need for validation of a greater spiritual existence, some of these leading figures sought out others who were trained in the manipulation of subtle energies and awareness. Their criteria was often lacking in discernment as most were attracted to those practitioners who demonstrated tangible effects and phenomena –mostly practitioners of the “dark arts”.

In the process, these “leading” teachers unwittingly offered themselves up to dark force manipulations. Many were fooled and caught up in the thrill in the phenomenal experiences that they mistakenly thought were signs of “enlightenment”. Skilled energy manipulators trained in the dark arts can induce all manner of states of elevated consciousness and phenomena. Many are truly fronts for dark forces that are not even embodied.

The influential leaders go back to their respective networks of people and extol the virtues of the energy manipulators. This has the unfortunate effect of turning many more naïve individuals to offer themselves up to these parasitic dark practitioners. Overall, the result has is that many influential individuals become conduits for dark force energies that seek to misdirect as well as to stimulate people for the purpose of siphoning off their energy through invisible energy conduits.

Like a virus, these energy conduits can be propagated and passed on, tapping into the energy fields of one and many. Simply stated, this is a form of vampirism and it *prevents* spiritual growth and expansion. (A material world analogy would be an oil refinery distillation tower that cooks the raw material and draws off various volatiles for sale.)

Spiritual seekers are often willing to risk much to access their true selves and expanded consciousness, as there is a powerful drive to reunite with ones own divinity. The best advice we can offer is *not* to join any teachers, movements, gurus, schools, religions, etc. *unless* you are *very* certain that it is the “real deal” and not an energy manipulation and moneymaking scheme.

Better to spend your time and energies daily intending and connecting to your highest self, your direct line of energy and consciousness that connects to your highest source energy and the consciousness of The All.

Demand of your higher self and highest nature as a spiritual being to be cleared of all dark energies, to become *fully conscious* of your own divinity, and to be immersed in the transformational process of the new earth and new humanity.

Seek community with others who like you require and demand such a direct connection to the highest levels of consciousness and light as the spiritual beings that you are.

The answers will not come from any humanly printed doctrines, no matter how new or old they may appear to be by those claiming “authority” in such matters. At best you may find clues and hints, but these are usually confounded and buried amidst much misdirection and deliberate distortion.

There is no guru to follow, no channeled “master”, no ongoing training to pay fees for, no organization to join There is no magic methodology that will provide enlightenment of this level.

Anyone who tells you otherwise is false, plain and simple.

The following article in this issue by Rasha (*Spiritual Movements, Energy Depletion, and the Dark*) serves as an excellent case study that is full of insights.

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A case study and aid to discernment

Spiritual Movements, Energy Parasitism, and the Dark

by Rasha

Note: The following information is be considered by some to be extremely controversial!

I'm writing this in response to the many requests I've received for guidance regarding the organization calling itself "Oneness University." Since so many people are now asking me whether there is a connection between my own work, as the messenger of the teachings of "Oneness", and the group who are liberally dispensing "deeksha" and "Oneness Blessings" ...which is headquartered in India ...I've been guided to come forth with this information. Let me state, right up front that I am in no way associated with these people. The book, Oneness, which I transcribed (ISBN# 0-9659003-1-2 Earthstar Press), does not in any way reflect the teachings, the energies, or the spiritual/political influences of those representing themselves as "Oneness University." The Source of my own work is Oneness, the Divinity we all share. The teachings I received and transcribed were provided to empower each of us to make the transition between intellectual belief and the actual experience of a Divine connection ...in an intensely personal way ...each of us within the sanctity of our own inner being. The "Oneness University" phenomenon appears to be quite another matter.

My first-hand observations, while living in India, of many who had just completed the increasingly popular, \$5,500/21 day program under the auspices of "Oneness University" and their founders, Bhagavan (a.k.a. Kalki Avatar) and Amma, were puzzling and led me to do some investigating of my own. The town in South India where I've been living for several years is just a few hours drive from the "Oneness University" headquarters, and is a frequent next-stop on the itinerary of spiritual seekers from the West.

What I saw and heard, in speaking with a growing number of these people over the course of more than a year, was disturbing. Many of them were wandering around, completely disoriented. Some of them had become physically ill almost immediately after leaving the 21 day course. And virtually all of them reported that the circumstances of their lives had begun to deteriorate dramatically.

Instinctively, based on the intense training I'd had through my journey with Oneness, I recognized the signs of energy depletion. And, in trying to piece together the signs and symptoms of a phenomenon that simply didn't add up, I suddenly found myself steeped in a crash course in the science of energy manifestation and the inner workings of "guru-dom." What I learned was absolutely fascinating.

The first question that sprang to mind was, “where does this energy actually come from?” And that question opened the door to a vast science, underlying the phenomenon of the transmission of energy ...often in the guise of a Divine connection. I came to understand that most “gurus”, whether legitimate or not, come to work with a Tantric practitioner, in the course of their preparation to hold extremely high levels of energy and transmit it to others. In India, this is virtually standard-procedure and an important stop along the way on the inner path to becoming “a guru.”

In India, the sacred science of Tantra is an ancient spiritual art, focused in the manifestation of energy and the altering of material circumstances, through highly exacting rituals and vibrational formulas. In its purest form, White Tantra, this has nothing whatsoever to do with the X-rated reputation the word “tantra” has garnered in the West. The work with a White Tantric practitioner serves to fortify the energy field of the would-be “guru” and helps to turn him/her into a virtual force-field, through which the transmission of “shaktipat” or “deeksha” may then be possible.

These Divinely-focused and incredibly dedicated Tantrics, taught in the ancient oral tradition by their fathers and grandfathers over thousands of years, are amongst the true angels of this world. Unbeknownst to most of us, they are tucked-away in India, performing their timeless rituals ...and secretly “making-miracles” for us all ...and for the planet we share ...during these challenging times.

When the services of a White Tantric practitioner cannot be obtained, or in cases of calculated, money-minded empire-building, the aspiring “guru” will often turn to Black Tantric practitioners, (the Indian equivalent of black-magic) who are hired to work behind-the-scenes to supply the energy that fuels the organization ...for vast sums of money. When the exorbitant fees of these Black Tantrics start to escalate over time and cannot be paid as demanded, the project often begins to veer out of control.

Where one might naturally assume that an absolute fortune must be sitting in the “guru’s” coffers with which to complete building projects and other un-met commitments, in fact, the cupboards are bare. The situation becomes desperate. And suddenly, many of the goings-on surrounding the “guru” become puzzling and don’t add up. According to the information I received, this could well explain the phenomena I’d observed and the other reports from South India that just didn’t make sense.

At the same time, you might ask yourself “what’s the harm in it, as far as I’m concerned? Energy is being transmitted through “deeksha.” That has to be good. Right?” This question opened up an entirely different avenue of exploration. And the information I uncovered in delving into it, proved to be equally fascinating.

When a “guru” establishes a connection with a spiritual aspirant, through the imparting of energy ...often accompanied by a secret mantra ...a spiritual cord is established through which, in theory, the “guru” can continue to feed the student with energy. This is part of the timeless tradition of “guru” and disciple. And when practiced with integrity, it can supply the aspiring student with an abundant energy-boost that can greatly accelerate the process of spiritual transformation. It is for this reason that so many feel guided to seek to affiliate with an Indian “guru”, to receive “deeksha” or “shaktipat”, or simply to be in the physical presence of such a one, whose vibration is extremely high.

What we often don't suspect, is that the spiritual cord which the "guru" establishes with his student through these practices, is able to carry energy both ways. When the "guru" has dubious connections himself, or has motives that are rooted in ego and spiritual empire-building, the cord can be used to direct the energy-flow the other way and literally "vacuum-out" the unsuspecting student, vibrationally. This could explain why, after being in the presence of certain "gurus", what may have started-out feeling quite nice, suddenly doesn't feel good at all.

Initially, in these unscrupulous practices, the student is given a little dose of energy. At first. In this way, any doubts or concerns one may have had are soothed. And we become open ...and trusting. It is only later that the tap is re-directed, and the energy begins to flow the other way ...from the student to the "guru." In cases where the integrity of the "guru" and his organization is further compromised by an affiliation with a Black Tantric practitioner, the unsuspecting student's energy is actually sucked through the "guru" and filtered directly to feed the Black Tantric individuals who stand behind the entire "spiritual" super-structure.

In cases where certain individuals have received an initiation and are declared to be qualified to be giving so-called "deeksha" energy to others, a spiritual cord has been well established within them, to the extent that they would be able to function as mediums for the guru. And through these people, the energy of others can be drained. In this way, the insidious practice of energy piracy can be practiced clandestinely by certain so-called Indian "gurus", while couched in lovely, believable-sounding spiritual jargon calculated to ensnare the hearts ...and wallets ...of sincere and financially affluent seekers in the West.

It turns out that this is a practice that is actually quite widespread in India ...and elsewhere. And according to the information I uncovered, this could well explain the mysterious symptoms so many have been reporting. Who would ever have suspected it? So, what is the message to all of us, in revealing this perhaps astounding information? I would say to you that the lesson here is discernment. As western spiritual seekers, we are often naive and trusting where "gurus" ...and where anyone sporting a little amped-up energy ...is concerned. We are often far too quick to give our power away and serve ourselves up on a platter, which we then place at the feet of someone whose affiliations may be questionable.

The opportunity in these times of mass spiritual awakening and inner re-directedness, is to become spiritually "street smart." Everything coming down the spiritual pike is not necessarily Divinely-inspired. There are all sorts of scams, fronted by individuals who are parading around as "Divinity incarnate", in these times. It is for those of us who are sincerely God-focused, to be extremely careful in selecting those who will help us on our own personalized path to the Divine inner-connection I've come to know as "Oneness."

The message I documented in the name of that Source is a message of Self-empowerment. The teachings of Oneness guide us in sourcing the experience of the Divinity harbored within our own inner depths, without getting ensnared in the trappings of a spiritual hierarchy or a religious organization. Should we feel that the guidance of an incarnate teacher is desired, Oneness helps us to take care in selecting him or her.

The message in bringing the foregoing information to light is to encourage each of us to do our homework. Resources abound in these times that support us in investigating thoroughly those whom we may be considering as candidates for guiding us into the sacred ground that awaits

us within. The internet is brimming with firsthand stories of those who have blazed the trail before us with virtually any “guru” you may be considering. Google them ...freely! You may find that by adding a word like “scam” to names you might wish to investigate, the Google results become particularly eye-opening.

I have hesitated a thousand times before choosing to come forth with the results of my own investigation into the dynamics of “guru-dom.” Some may wonder if I have personal motives for doing so. I can tell you, in all honesty, that I do not. My only hope, in presenting this information to you, is to spur you on to investigate for yourself, and to draw your own conclusions.

The book entitled “Oneness”, which I transcribed, is not associated in any way with any other teacher, guru, or organization that may also be using the name “Oneness.” I have, thankfully, never received “deeksha” or a so-called “Oneness Blessing” from anyone affiliated with the “Oneness University” people in India.

I realize that I have stepped way out on a limb in sharing this information with you. And I have done so because I felt deep in my heart that, in light of what I discovered, it would be irresponsible of me not to share it.

I wish each of you every joy and blessing on your personal journey to Oneness!

-Rasha, August 2007

NOTE: My open letter to you all, printed above, and the choice to come forth with it at this time, was inspired by the following passages, received from Oneness a few days ago. I am including the communication here, in its entirety, as the August selection of “Oneness Speaks.”

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Let the fullness of this Presence permeate your awareness in this moment. And let us know that we Are Oneness, together. Let there be no question or doubt of this. For we are here now, reminding you yet again of what is unquestionable. We have danced this dance so many times before, the footwork is as natural as breath itself. And yet, there is a newness to every step and twirl we take in the process of bringing this synchronization of the manifest and the unmanifest into the consummate state of Divine Union once more. We call this state of Beingness “Oneness.”

There are many who call this state of Divinity by other names. And they declare their allegiance to a myriad expressions of the same One Source. That does not make any of them more right or more wrong than another. It speaks to the diversity with which humankind has expressed its spiritual passion, since time immemorial. And they will continue to personalize this expression of Divine connectedness as we move more fully into these times of enhanced spiritual awareness. For that is the nature of humanness, regardless of whether one’s passion is toward the Divine or toward any other material expression of one’s experience in the realm of the physical.

The Here and Now in which you find yourself playing-out this journey in self-confrontation and Self discovery is a virtual kaleidoscope of impressions, each perceived vividly, and believed to be the definitive expression of universal truth. When one encounters a teacher, a path or a book that rings true, it is as though one has happened upon the ultimate word in spiritual

expression. In that particular set of eyes, all else pales by comparison. And blinders are donned, from that point forth that could prevent the spiritual aspirant from becoming distracted by anything else that might beckon for one's attention. What is less apparent is the extent to which others are having similar or identical experiences, albeit via a different avenue. The diversity in expression within the human populace presently making this journey attests to the individualized nature in which the collective unites, one heart at a time, into the embrace of Oneness.

There are those one encounters along the way who have devised methods that appeal to those seeking short-cuts and an effortless route to spiritual awakening. These tricksters and their methods are as timeless as the human quest for the Divine itself. Elaborate schemes are designed, and anointed with sacred-sounding jargon, that would lure the unsuspecting seeker into a false sense of security. It is through these compromised energies that many receive their very first taste of augmented vibration, and they are easily misled into believing that they have experienced Divinity made manifest at the hands of these individuals and the organizations they represent.

Many, unwittingly have lent their own hands to the perpetuation of spiritual scams that are essentially little more than financial empire building with a spiritual twist. Certain timeless spiritual truisms may be sprinkled liberally through their format, in order to win the public's trust and attention. And in this way, the unshielded individual is able to be exploited, not only financially but divested of his resources of energy, in the process.

Many such scams have arisen in these times which are built on foundations of questionable motives and compromised practices. It is for the spiritual seeker to exercise discernment with regard to what is imbibed in the name of Divine Light energy. For, all that can be perceived as "energy" is not necessarily something that will speed you on your way to your rendezvous with Divinity.

Much that abounds in the spiritual marketplace in these times is energy that quite literally has "strings attached." The token sampling of energies with which you are initially gifted, and which may seem harmless enough at first, may well come complete with energy lines, commonly referred to as spiritual "cords" through which your energies may continue to be drained over the course of time. Initially, you may well experience the feeling of elation or joy during these introductory sessions. Yet, as time goes by, you discover that you are not feeling at all blissful ...and that your circumstances have begun to deteriorate. Sometimes, when the practice of receiving these energy "treatments" has not been continued, it is difficult to make the correlation between the downward spiral one begins to experience and the initial, so-called energy "blessing" one may have received somewhere along the way.

The "cord", by then would be well in place and would be serving those who have created these systems with an ever expanding source of energy with which to attract new followers. The largely unsuspecting givers of these energies are serving as mediums through which the life force of others can be filtered into a central core, through which escalating power and mind-control tactics can then be orchestrated.

It is your responsibility in these times, which are so ripe for the exploits of the spiritual opportunist, that you become discerning in what you choose to believe and what you choose to imbibe vibrationally. "Instant enlightenment" is not something bestowed upon seekers for a fee, hefty or otherwise ...regardless of what may have been claimed. And those who might

have you believe that jumping on their bandwagon will get you an effortless ride to Self-Realization have given you something to question, rather than something to be automatically snapped-up.

The foundation of the teachings of this Source is Self-empowerment. The energies that others may be touting are the spiritual birthright of everyone in human form. This phenomenon of radiating “Divine Light” through the hands is not something new. And no organization has a trademark on it. As you elevate your vibration through your own conscientious, self-styled spiritual practice, you will discover that these energies flow through you as naturally as breath, in response to the focus of your attention. You are not required to declare your devotion to anyone in human form for this to manifest. It is a natural part of the human condition and has been so since humankind’s humblest beginnings. What differentiates those earlier populations from the one at hand is the widespread awareness of the spiritual awakened amongst you that this is so.

It is in the highest interests of anyone who considers himself to be on the journey to Oneness to be selective in what one chooses to receive in the name of that Divine Source. For the journey that some have packaged and will attempt to market to the sincerely trusting and the unsuspecting amongst you, is not one that needs to be delivered to you from another being ...at any price. It is something that is readily available to you ...absolutely free of charge ...from the Divinity that waits within your very own being. That connection is best made within the sanctity of one’s own sacred self and doesn’t require fanfare, the trappings of methodology and complicated systems of man-made dogma.

It is all so simple. So pure. And so readily available ...when you cease seeking it from the world outside you ...and in the sanctity of your own Inner Stillness you recognize the Divine touch you yearn for as something that’s already there. And has been all along. You Are the Oneness that is sought. And you will realize the experience of it when you transcend the need to believe it. And allow yourself the grace to simply know it.

-Rasha

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Social-sciences research essay series:

Social Inertial Ballast

Adapted from Chapter 6 of the book: “A New America, An Awakened Future on Our Horizon”

Introduction

This December issue continues with concepts of “Choice, Freewill, New Patterns, and Discernment with Compassion”, included in the July 2007 GA News. Previously we focused on the more positive qualities discovered in the rich IOOW-2000 statistical research data. It is time to shed light on certain socially-imbedded factors that are impediments to positive change and that are expertly manipulated by “the powers that be” to their advantage. To describe these tendencies, we coined the expression “social inertial ballast” or “inertial ballast” for short. This has to do with the leaden, ballast-like quality that, like a black hole, can absorb enormous energy from people and organizations who have good intentions. They wind up expending an enormous effort, trying to raise the level of awareness and opinions yet with little effect. This ballasting effect serves to maintain a low commonality in terms of values, beliefs, and opinions among the population at large.

Naïve calls for honoring of all opinions and beliefs directly couple into these profoundly dysfunctional tendencies within society and thus hold everyone back. Here in summary form are findings from the *IOOW-2000* research.

So Why Haven't Things Changed for the Better, Sooner?

If so many people identify with the positive future values and beliefs that we introduced in Part One of this book, why have things seemingly not changed very much? Part of the answer has to do with the qualities of active social involvement.

- Many of those people who identified with this emerging new paradigm *dissociated* themselves from traditional materialist culture and power.
- A significant percentage of individuals who supported positive future beliefs *withdrew* from the electoral process.
- Add to this, the *force of habit* of old ways rooted in the section of society acting as an *inertial ballast* favoring established norms.
- There has not yet developed a visible leadership or material presence for a *positive future movement*, largely due to its relative newness, compared to its well-established counterparts.
- Out of necessity for being early pioneers, leading individuals representing a new paradigm based on spiritual or integral values of compassion and service tend to function *more individually than they do cooperatively*.
- Consequently, there has been *too little impetus to work together* to gather the necessary material resources needed to elevate a coherent message for all to hear and upon which to act.

This pattern however, is beginning to change – partly out of necessity, as well as that of individuals choosing to know truth.

Perhaps there has been an innate “governor” that we have not been much aware of, much like an attractor from our future, calling to us. This call is like a homing beacon guiding us to our higher selves and higher nature. It seeks to graduate ourselves from “adolescence” as a species to a more “mature” position that co-creates a positive future out of a greater awareness of interconnectedness with one another and our natural environment. We are speaking of a fundamental spirituality so vital that it has *always* been there, waiting for us to connect and access its fundamental wisdom and higher guidance.

“Wait,” you may say. “What if you do not think spirituality or connection of all life is important. Or more so, what about those people whose idea-frame is contrary to much that we have been putting forward?” All right, let’s first take a brief look at research-based indicators of a part of our society we have termed “inertial ballast.”

“Social Inertial Ballast,” Disconnection, and Disengagement

Two small but distinct groups were identified through the *IOOW-2000* research that, combined, constitute a significant minority (21.5%) of our population. They tend to act disproportionately as “inertial ballast” and are often used as a convenient excuse to hold everyone back.

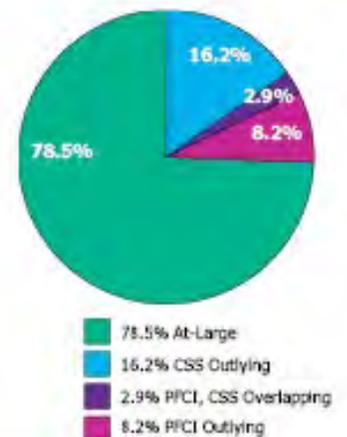
One group, estimated to be 8.2% of the U.S., are generally constricted and very conservative in their worldview, as well as being generally disengaged from self and society. Their future outlook is very pessimistic, they vote, and do so along conservative political lines. They tend to go to religious services more than once a week. They also tend to be older than the general population and are more likely to be men. They are, however, somewhat more aware of their need for spiritual growth. Of the 8 Types, Cautious and Conservative (CC) predominates here with a secondary component of Disengaged from Social Concerns (DSC).

Another group that functions as “inertial ballast” represents 16.2% of the population. This second group is noticeably not as constricted in perspective or conservatively oriented, but is more disengaged from self and society. They too, are more likely to be men (but not to the extent as the 8.2% group first described). This group is also younger than the overall population, mostly Gen-X, and single. They are not as likely to be very religious in terms of attending services, their future outlook is not as pessimistic, and they are not as likely to vote. Of the 8 Types, Disengaged from Social Concerns (DSC) predominates here with a secondary component of Cautious and Conservative (CC).

There is very little overlap between these two groups (only 2.9%) and combined, these two groups constitute 21.5% of the general population. Education and income are not significant factors in either of these two groups. Rather, what is key are their values and beliefs.

As “inertial ballast,” these groups tend to function as a net energy drain by opposing positive innovations in a generally unconscious manner, usually passively, sometimes dynamically.

ESTIMATES OF “INERTIAL BALLAST”



How often have people asked relevant questions or said things in the presence of individuals of this type that differed from established norms, only to have them put down with cynical remarks, thus stifling any meaningful discussion? This happens in countless situations from family meal times to workplace situations across the country. This dynamic is also fueled by news and entertainment mass media. They do this by denying copy space or airtime to investigate the truth, by purposeful misinformation, by crude rhetoric of on-air personalities, by promoting column space for cynical commentaries, and by endlessly promoting “dark” themes under the guise of “entertainment.” People and organizations that are part of the social ballast dynamic are basically afraid of anything that hints of challenging their perceived world, whether it be in terms of their idea-frame, social or material privilege, or other belief systems that help them define their identity.

Such disaffected individuals might be more readily manipulated with superficial palliatives to support extreme conservative or reactionary positions. Here we wish to distinguish those who are disaffected and disconnected from those who are deliberately involved in deceiving society as to their true aims of power.

In the absence of truly innovative and courageous leadership, this inertial ballast factor in our society further makes it difficult for positive social innovations to become widely adopted by mainstream society. People *do* want to hear of a new perspective, people *are tired* of the old game, but without a coherent and substantial “stage” to speak from, most people will continue *not* to hear what is new and good, as it is drowned out (or met with silence) by the mainstream outlets for news and information.

Thus, powerful new strategies leading to the creation of new structures paralleling established ones are most invaluable at this time. Eventually, almost everyone will “see the light” although for some, the process may take longer.

Two Estimates of “Inertial Ballast” in Society: The 8.2% Group

The “**8.2% Group**” includes those who scored *high* on the Social Material Stress scale, *high* on the Social Traditional - Religious Conservative index, and *low* on the Positive Future – Cooperative Integrative scale. They constitute 8.2% of all respondents.

- 63% are male.
- Tend to be slightly older (mean age is 47.9 versus 45.7 for all, and median age is 45 versus 43 for all respondents), however generational make-up is typical of that for the U.S. overall.
- 47% are in the Cautious and Conservative (CC) type, compared to 10% for all respondents.

Estimating “Social Inertial Ballast”

Using the *IOOW-2000* data, one way to identify this group within the population is to examine some of the qualities of those people who simply don’t have any positive identification on the *IOOW-2000* indexes measuring Connection, Service, and Spirituality (see Chapter 11 for more information). The assumption is that they include a large concentration of highly disengaged individuals.

Another method would be to examine those 8.2% who fall into a category of people who scored high on Social Material Stress scale, high on the Social Traditional - Religious Conservative index, and low on the Positive Future – Cooperative Integrative scale. The assumption here is that when you have very little by way of positive or integrative factors to balance a stressful daily life and socially conservative values, you get another type of disengaged person.

- 25 % are in the Disengaged from Social Concerns (DSC) type, compared to 14 % for the overall population.
- Voting likelihood about on par with everyone else.
- Generally, 52 % preferred Bush for president in the 2000 election and 65 % of those most likely to vote chose Bush.
- 72 % identify with conservative political views.
- Score high on the religious index and 32 % tend to attend some sort of services more than once a week.
- 82 % support the death penalty, compared to an average of 58.5 % across all respondents.
- 59 % did not agree with being tolerant of others and 36 % strongly disagreed with being tolerant.
- Very pessimistic future outlook: 38 % see only problems and disasters; 19 % see either the same or problems and disasters.
- 25 % disagree that the Earth is basically a unique kind of living organism; 12 % are neutral.
- 48 % do not think there is a global awakening taking place.
- 52 % do not think that a global awakening will make the world a better place in 10 years.
- Only 38 % report experiencing a sense of sacred in everything, compared to 56 % for all respondents.
- Higher than average in feeling a need to experience spiritual growth.
- Tend to be almost on a par with – but slightly below – the rest of the population in terms of income and education.
- They are more likely to have Internet access at home but not on the job and their Internet usage is typical for the US overall.

Two Estimates of “Inertial Ballast” in Society: The 16.2 % Group

The “**16.2 % Group**” are those who simply don’t have any positive identification on the *IOOW-2000* indexes measuring Connection, Service, and Spirituality. They constitute 16.2 % of all respondents.

- 59 % are male.
- May be slightly younger (mean age is 41.7 compared to 45.7 for all respondents).
- 42 % are Gen-X and Gen-Y age groups, compared to 34 % for all respondents; 30 % are Gen-X, compared to 25 % for all respondents.
- 33 % are likely to be single, never married compared to 24 % for all respondents.
- 78 % score high on the Social Material Stress scale, compared to 42 % for all respondents.
- 60 % score low on the Social Traditional - Religious Conservative index, compared to 40 % for all respondents.
- 48 % are in the Disengaged from Social Concerns (DSC) type, compared to 14 % for all respondents.
- Marginally less likely to vote: (51 % likely to vote compared to 55 % for general population).

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- Choice of candidate in 2000 election was very similar to that of the general population of respondents.
- Score low on the religious index and 44.6 % tend not to attend religious services.
- More likely to support a death penalty with 68 % in support, compared to 58.5 % overall.
- While 59 % did agree with being tolerant of others, 21 % nonetheless strongly disagreed with being tolerant.
- Pessimistic future outlook: 28 % see only problems and disasters; 21 % see either the same or problems and disasters; and 15 % see things staying much the same.
- Slightly less likely to agree that the Earth is basically a unique kind of living organism and slightly more likely to disagree with this.
- 53 % do not think there is a global awakening taking place.
- 59 % do not think that a global awakening will make the world a better place in 10 years.
- Only 34 % report a sense of sacred in everything, compared to 55 % for all respondents.
- Less interested in being involved in creating a better world: 78 % agreeing with this compared to 91 % for the general population.
- Tend to be almost on a par with the rest of the population in terms of income and education.
- Internet access at home or work is on par with everyone else; however their Internet usage is high compared to the rest of the population.
- Less likely to feel their spiritual needs are not being met and lower than average in feeling a need to experience spiritual growth.

A simple comparison of overall key value and belief indicators show these groups are not that far from each other in a number of important areas. However, these two groups do appear to differ somewhat in terms of age, voting likelihood, candidate preference, social material stress, religious involvement, and global awakening.

While both groups have high concentrations of the Disengaged from Social Concerns (DSC) type and Cautious and Conservative (CC) type, the DSC type predominates in the 16.2 % group while the CC type predominates in the 8.2 % group.

Those people who most fit the “inertial ballast” profile do not have a set of positive values with which to balance the stress and challenges of daily life – with virtually no positive scoring on the Positive Future - Cooperative Integrative scale (PFCI). For example, we find in the 8 Types those who also share in a high Social Material Stress (SMS) score, yet who have a high PFCI value score and less constricted worldview. These would include Persisting against Adversity (PA) and the Working for a New Life of Wholeness (WNL) types. In contrast, there are those types – Cautious and Conservative (CC) and Disengaged from Social Concerns (DSC) – who also scored high on the SMS scale, but low on PFCI.

Meaningful bridging between these groups would likely meet with the best success first with the 16.2 % group in addressing their need for non-threatening connection, the possibility for spiritual growth in a non-doctrinaire manner, and creative, innovative projects in which to engage with others that also have some broader social benefit. It is a matter of helping not only these people, but all 8 Types, to see beyond that which we find different or exclusive about each other.

One valuable aspect of this data is to show an unmistakable overlap of our core values and beliefs. The reactive position of “me/us versus them” becomes moderated by recognition of something more inclusive and inspiring of humankind’s greater being.

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Contributors can submit material to posting. At present we have limited new posts and have been mainly tracking significant news and information about the changing human and planetary environment. Anyone can read what is posted. Submit material for posting by e-mail to: newearth@newearthsummit.org .

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