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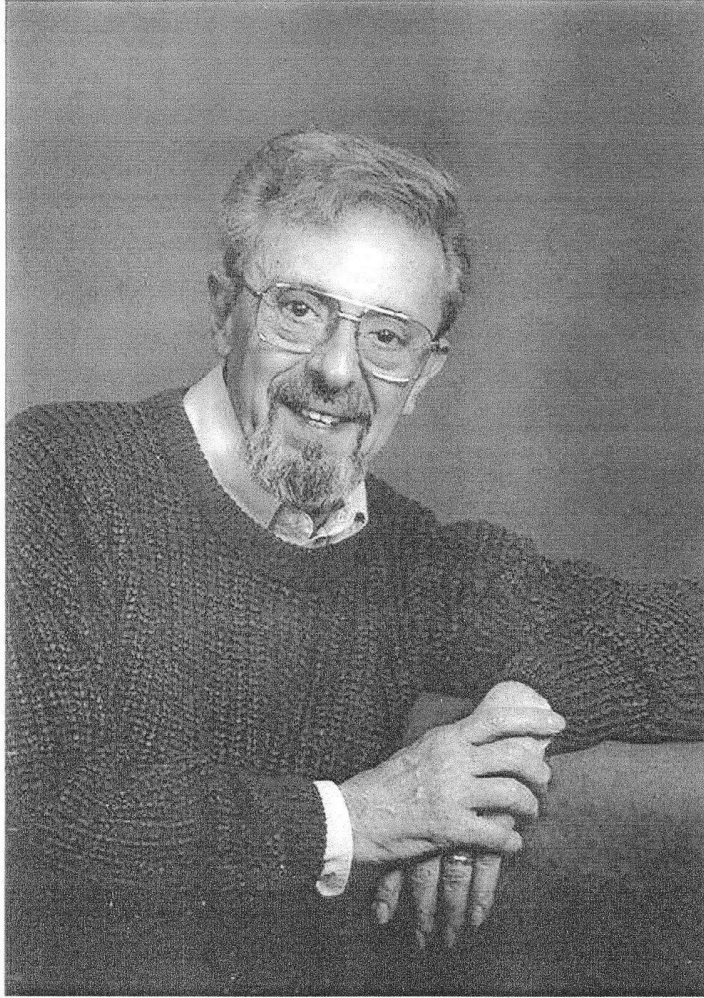
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William Allen LePar

The Awakening

For many decades psychic William Allen LePar was nationally acclaimed for the array of psychic abilities he exhibited, particularly the Deep Catatonic Trance, a remarkable and rare phenomenon even for the realm of the paranormal.

While he was in a Deep Catatonic Trance, a gathering of 12 highly evolved spiritual entities known as The Council spoke through Mr. LePar, providing our world with an incomparable and abundant supply of spiritual information. More than just a psychic ("a unique and distinct personality in the world of psychic phenomenon," said a professor of psychology from a major university), Mr. LePar has been referred to as a modern mystic by many of those who have encountered him.

Mr. LePar exhibited his psychic abilities quite early in life, but society's traditional reaction to such an unsettling aspect of human potential caused him to repress his gifts until adulthood. A series of unusual events triggered the state of Deep Trance, a dimension Mr. LePar had never before experienced, and he found himself catapulted back into the world of the psychic. For several years he conducted Deep Trance sessions privately while publicly doing psychometry, inspirational speaking, and psychic counseling.

Convinced that The Council's information held tremendous constructive potential for our troubled world, Mr. LePar in the mid-1970's invited others to share in the experience. SOL, a non-profit organization, was established to handle all aspects of preserving and disseminating the Trance Information. The Council delivered well over two million words of material. Among its many responsibilities, SOL coordinated Research Group inquiries into new topics of investigation at Trance sessions and currently operates a speakers' bureau for appearances by SOL Associates, has a membership program that provides participants with library files of verbatim Council transcripts, and has frequently updated websites – www.WilliamLePar.com and williamlepar.blogspot.com

Through the years, Mr. LePar's presentations on aspects of spiritual and psychic development as well as on The Council's profound information was enthusiastically received across the country. He was in constant demand and lectured and led workshops at colleges and universities, and for organizations such as Spiritual Frontiers Fellowship, REST, the Western Reserve Awareness Conference, Star Stream Cosmic Experience, the Human Development Center, and various chapters of Aquarian Age Encounter. The subject of uncounted newspaper

and magazine articles, Mr. LePar also appeared on many local and syndicated radio and television shows and permitted television taping of Trance sessions for broadcast.

In addition to his myriad activities, Mr. LePar worked with writers investigating The Council's material and authored these books *Meditation: A Definitive Study*, *Genesis 2: A Personal Revelation*, *Controlling the Creative Process in You: Androgyny*, *Spiritual Harvest: Discourses on the Path to Fulfillment*, *Life After Death: A New Revelation*, *More Than Mind Discloses* and *Return to Eden: The Universal Being Lectures of William LePar*.

Foreword

Soon after Mr. LePar decided to make his gifts known to the public, he was inspired to teach classes on the Fourth Gospel, The Book of John. With the help of two SOL associates, a detailed outline of each chapter was constructed. Much research and preparation were done for each class. Generally the classes were held every other week for approximately two hours per class with a break for fellowship at an appropriate point.

All of the classes were recorded on cassette tapes which remained in storage for more than 30 years. These tapes have been transcribed and the results edited for this book. It is important to note that most of the class was presented in a lecture format, however, at times a general discussion occurred. The purpose of this book is to present Mr. LePar's insights into The Book of John by chapter and verse. We realize that a lecture format is not the normal way that a book is written. However, the editors felt that in this case it was necessary to present Mr. LePar's thoughts exactly as he intended.

Along with the insight, Mr. LePar presented a great deal of information about life and thought in ancient times. There are also points where inspiration takes over and Mr. LePar moves beyond the normal scholarly knowledge that is readily available. He goes into an area of pure spiritual insight that is rarely presented to mankind.

Bible quotations within the text of this book which were given orally by participants of Mr. LePar's Bible Study class came from various editions of different translations of The Bible. Because those participants did not include precise information as to which editions they cited, the editors of "The Eagle Soars" used generally accepted punctuation, capitalization, etc., in reference Bibles of the same translations on hand. Bible quotations cited by Mr. LePar were proofread against the actual copies that he used when teaching the class. This bibliography cites every translation used during the classes, though perhaps not each edition.

We hope that you find as much value in reading this work as we did in compiling it.

The following are some comments by Mr. LePar's spiritual source, The Council, concerning the Bible classes:

"Some of the information that has come out and will come out will never be out again unless it is preserved on tape or in some form. Now do you understand when

we say it will never be out again, we mean in the form that it is presented, in those particular words? The truth has always been and always will be. But it is the proper construction or the proper presentation that makes the difference, that makes for the understanding and the acceptance.

"Now, at the risk of sounding egotistical, we would recommend that (Mr. LePar's) Bible class whole-heartedly, because in that then you get what is necessary, and you get it in a very clear picture without the hindrance of man's intellect.

“An eagle can always be accepted as another sign for the Book of John, and the Book of John then always speaks of the spirituality of Christ and the spiritual consciousness of Christ and the Mystical Body of Christ.”

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Foundations of the Bible

What we [Mr. LePar and The Council, Editor note] would like to establish with this first lesson is how man's intellect has caused him to fall. It is my opinion, real sin was not of the physical nature, but that of a mental nature: that of the intellectual overriding the spiritual receptive ability. This receptive ability is what allowed us to come in contact with our Creator. How we lost that ability, to explain that, we use the example of Adam and Eve.

Every time mankind has had enlightenment by our Maker, it's always a very simple instruction: no deep unsolvable mysteries. It has always been a very clear-cut statement, so that even the most uneducated would be able to accomplish what was necessary. That does not mean that in some cases it does not have a deeper meaning, but regardless of that, if we have the verbatim understanding, that's sufficient.

The progression of our revelation of our Maker has been a very precise and gradual awareness of Him, so that those who attempt to lag behind with outmoded ways or those who try to take one step ahead eventually find themselves out of the picture entirely. This is through their own making. Man has left, through his own making, a paradise, for a life that was involved with ritualism and secret doctrine. This continued for many, many years, and then our Maker began to show us the way back. Gradually, with the enlightenment of a few simple rules like the Ten Commandments, and then with the promise of a perfect example of a man whose life would define these rules, the life of Jesus the Christ, the path is set before us. That then brings us up to within a two-thousand-year period of our present existence.

Today man can no longer say that the Bible is a collection of fables or mythology. In the last 50-75 years archeologists have discovered untold amounts of artifacts to prove beyond the shadow of a doubt that the Bible, as we know it today, actually explains the true events that occurred. Today, archeologists are discovering even more artifacts that further substantiate the Bible. Much has been said about the Dead Sea Scrolls. Where have you been able to pick up a book by a reputable archeologist or by a scientist of languages that says that anything found in the Dead Sea Scrolls is information that is contradictory to the Bible? From the Dead Sea Scrolls, almost all the books of the Bible have been covered with the exception of Esther. Along with that, we have the manual that is the Code of the Essenes.

The Bible itself, where did it come from? Did the Bible give us religion or did our religion give us the Bible? Prior to organized religion what we call the Bible today

was a collection of stories passed down from one person to another through oral repetition or in some cases, written stories. It wasn't until much later, in what we call the Priestly era, that the Bible was actually composed in written form. That was about 500-400 BC. Those were the years when the majority of the first five books or the Pentateuch came into written form.

The setup of the Bible itself is quite unusual. We have all heard of the evolutionary spiral that the earth is in, that man is in, and everything else in the physical is in. In the Bible, you have the prime example of that evolutionary spiral. In the Old Testament, you have, in the very beginning, five books that are called Pentateuch, which comes from the Greek word meaning five-volume book. The Jewish people, the Hebrews, hold these first five books as the Torah or the law. From there you go to the historical books which are just that. They give us a history of the Jewish people. Next, you come to The Books of Wisdom which attempt to enlighten man and his relationship to his Creator. After that, we have a set of books which are called the "Books of the Prophets." In here we have the foretelling of God's coming plan. From there we have the stage set for the entrance of another set of writings which today are called the New Testament.

Of all the books in the Old Testament, the book for which we have the least amount of evidence is The Book of Genesis, which is accepted by all to have been authored by Moses. In the last 50-75 years as a result of all the archeological discoveries that help substantiate the Bible, we have developed our understanding of the writings and customs of that time. It is traditionally accepted that Moses wrote the majority of those books or that he was the major author of those books.

The first five books which constitute the first part of the Bible underwent four major editing stages. The Yahwistic which was the first editing stage was done in 900 BC, the Elohist was 700 BC, the Deuteronomist was around 600 BC, and the Priestly was between 500-400 BC. In these four editing stages, the Bible was gradually opened up or was updated. Not in the sense that anything was taken away, but it was brought into a clearer understanding. The Bible itself, as we have it today, is a book of books. Back in those days, it was a collection of some books and essays. They weren't kept in any specific order but collected and held together. There were many more books to the Bible than what we have in our present-day Bible. The majority of them can be found in a number of other books. A group of them are printed as books themselves. One of them is the Books of Enoch. The Book of Enoch is printed separately, but is also included in the Books of Enoch. You can't say that they have been hidden. Virtually all the books that were once considered Holy Scripture are still available. Anybody with the least amount of

common sense and who is well-balanced in their makeup, will be able to see what these writings have done is turn the situation into almost a fantasy. These are commonly called heroic-type books where everything is completely blown out of proportion. They are called Apocryphal books. There is one Bible that is called The Common Bible. It includes two or three of the Apocryphal books sandwiched between the Old and New Testaments.

The first eleven chapters of Genesis comprise the creation of the physical man and are a collection of symbolic sin and factual stories. These early chapters of Genesis are viewed by many as both history and allegory. We won't go into it too much, but from chapter 12 on in The Book of Genesis with the beginning of Abram, we then can place all the happenings in the Bible with historic artifacts. In other words, from Abram on we can document by archeological discoveries. The most important discoveries have come in recent times. Not only have these been in physical property, artifacts, but most importantly in our ability to understand the linguistics of the people at that time and their culture which gives us a much better ability to comprehend and understand.

The next book would be Exodus which deals primarily with the flight from Egypt. Then comes Leviticus which deals with legislation and sacrificial ceremonies. Then Numbers which is primarily a census of the people and the Passover celebration. Following that is Deuteronomy which is the code of civil and religious laws, brought in the long discourses of Moses. Here is a very interesting thing about this book and also Leviticus, but not so much as Deuteronomy. We've all heard about the ritualism and secrets of the occult metaphysical. This is tied in with The Book of Deuteronomy and Leviticus, so whenever you hear about these different things, the originating source was The Book of Deuteronomy and some parts of Leviticus.

As I said before, the first five books that now make up the first part of the Bible have undergone four major editing's, the last being the Priestly edition which took place between 500-400 BC. This, shall we say, was done to create a clear understanding for the people at that time so their laws gradually increased and unfolded to them. As time went by, they added to and they took away from.

This quote is from the documentary period regarding the first five books of the Bible. This comes from the Pontifical Biblical Commission of 1906. It says, "The first five books, the authorship is Mosaic." That's the one thing that we must first maintain, but it "recognizes the possibility of pre-Mosaic traditions and written documents." It grants too "that modifications and editions subsequent to Moses

may have been made. Also, the Commission more explicitly conceded the existence of sources and admitted a general growth of the Mosaic laws and of the historical narratives, a growth due to the social and religious conditions of later times." The Commission said in essence that the laws and codes of ethics are basically Mosaic in authorship, but they could also have been influenced by oral belief and what was added after the Mosaic authorship. The Commission continues, "And indeed the documentary theory in its classical form is once more in the melting pot. Continued efforts to give it further precision have served only to show that the task is impossible. Moreover, the literary problem is yielding to the historical, what oral or written sources lie behind the document is a question now more urgent than the problem when the first text assumed its final form. The new approach is less artificial and literary. It is closer to reality and to the conditions of life. It is now beginning to appear that these sources are very ancient indeed. Archeological progress and our growing knowledge of the history of neighboring civilizations have shown that the Pentateuchal laws and institutions had their non-biblical counterparts long before the dates assigned to the documents. They have shown also that not a few Pentateuchal narratives presupposed conditions differed from a more primitive than those in which the documents are said to have been written."

In other words, what this says is that it is quite probable that before the writings of Moses there were other rules and regulations in existence, but Moses brought about a collection of these rules and regulations, or should I say, he put down the regulations for his people in written form. This is not to say that there were not Kabalistic writings and all the other metaphysical things that we hear about, but we must remember that as things grow and progress, there is an evolutionary process in everything, in you, in me, in the trees around us, in the grass, in our mode of living, in our beliefs. Everything evolves to a higher form. What doesn't evolve is left behind. What's being said here is all those things that we are now hearing about or some of us have heard about for a number of years have really not been denied. The book of Deuteronomy and parts of Leviticus are where a lot of the occult and metaphysical people weasel in all their impulsive ideas and rituals. What they are really doing if we get into those books and pursue them is the metaphysicians have taken those very things, those rules and regulations, and have dressed them up in Western attitudes, have put them into printed form and sold them to us. Why are they trying to go back and sell us the old stuff? Why aren't the metaphysicians trying to sell us the new stuff? They're contradicting their very preaching. Stop and think about them, and I am not saying use your intellect, but use that good common sense that our Creator gave us. That's what common sense is for. Intellect, we'll talk about that in a little while. Use your common sense. The only true thing that

most of these people have said is that we are in an evolutionary spiral, but they turn around and cut their own throats and say, "Let's go back." The metaphysicians can do it, because very few people have ever read The Book of Deuteronomy. Our Maker doesn't communicate with us in that manner anymore. Religion has had knowledge of metaphysical stuff ever since the very beginning. Christ talked in metaphysical terms so often it's unbelievable, but we don't realize it because it's symbolic.

Today we have two factions when it comes to interpreting the Bible. The first is the literal interpreter and the second is the contextual interpreter. These are important points. The literal interpreter focuses primarily on the text of the Bible. The contextual interpreter focuses equally on the text and the context. What's meant by the context then is the historical, cultural, and literary background in which the Bible was developed. That's the basic difference between the two of them. Within each group, there is some flexibility, probably more so in the contextual than in the literal. A good example of groups who use the literal interpreter are the Jehovah's Witnesses and the Church of God people. Both are very literal in their interpretations, but Jehovah's Witnesses have just a little bit more flexibility concerning the first story of creation. We are going to use them as an example. The Jehovah's Witnesses, when it comes to the word "day" in the Creation Story, they take it to mean an era, where the Church of God members hold that you must interpret the word day to mean just that, a 24-hour period. See the difference in flexibility there? In other words, according to the Church of God people, God created each thing in 24 hours. It would have taken six days and on the seventh day, He rested. If we figure it out according to the Bible, it turns out that creation was in 4004 BC or about 6000 years ago. That's the Church of God people. They are very, very literal.

The Jehovah's Witness would say, "How could creation take place only 6,000 years ago?" Scientists have proven that the earth is millions of years old. In this respect, the Jehovah's Witnesses have a little more leeway. The Jehovah's Witness can include the fact that we know the earth is millions of years old because their idea of the word "day" is an era, and who is to say how long an era is? That is one example, but they do not believe that man came from a monkey or anything like that. The Jehovah's Witness says that the actual earth and heavens could have evolved as we believe is possible, but as far as man is concerned, that is where it stopped. Man did not evolve from a lower form of animal. God did, in fact, create man as the Bible says. They are much more open. When the contextual interpreter reads the description of creation, he reads Scripture as being less rigid. He is open to the possibilities of evolution, so he can read Scripture with a serious reflection

as an imaginative description of man's origins. In another segment of the contextualist theory, we have those who believe in the Big Bang theory, where there was a tremendous explosion and all matter went flying out, and it continued to go until the momentum was overcome by centripetal force, gravitational pull, and then when that point comes, it will begin to retract. In the meantime, though, all the evolutionary processes are going on. Amongst this group is Teilhard De Chardin who was a Jesuit priest, a paleontologist, and a theologian. He subscribes to the Big Bang theory. He was a very open-minded man. He believed in blending both the science and theology concerning God as the author and destiny of the evolutionary process. So, we have in that particular respect a tremendous variance between the literalists and contextualists. This gives us some idea of the difference between the biblical interpreters and interpretations. If I were going to add a side note, I would say that the literalists have a lot to learn.

In the Adam and Eve story, we are told that we are all subject to original sin. We are going to look at the Adam and Eve symbolic factual sin story from one aspect. We can look at these stories from a number of different aspects. The Adam and Eve story has a number of things to tell us, but we will look at it from the sin point. This has nothing to do with fire and damnation. In Genesis Chapter 2, Verses 16-17, we read, "When Yahweh God gave man this admonition saying, 'You may eat indeed of all the trees in the garden, nevertheless the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you are to not eat, for on that day that you eat of it you shall most surely die.'" Now we will keep that particular thought in mind.

Let's go to Genesis Chapter 3 and cover the first verse. "Now the serpent was the most cunning of all the animals the Lord God made." That's the first verse. In some texts, the word "subtle" is used in describing the serpent. In this particular story, we find three factions. We have man (Adam), woman (Eve), and our friend (the serpent). In the majority of the symbolisms, the female always represents the intuitive factor and the male naturally being the physical, manifesting factor or being. For any Feminists who object to being placed second, remember that's on the left. In the human body, the right side of the mind affects the left side. The left is the creative side, the intuitive side. The right side of the body is governed by the left side of the brain, which is the motor or mechanical functions, so, even though you are on the left side, you are in a better position.

Okay, let's note here. Man is physical. Eve only gets one classification, but she gets the most important which is the intuitive. The serpent is described as cunning and subtle. So, what does the snake represent? In one reading the snake is all-cunning. In another one, he is a cunning beast. He's called the subtle beast. We can't say that

he represents knowledge, because knowledge is represented by a tree, as stated there. It states, "Nevertheless the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil you are not to eat or you will surely die." Is it possible that the serpent might represent the ego? Or is it possible that the snake might represent the selfish aspects of ourselves, or is it possible that it might represent the total, the intellect? Let's look at it from that point as being the ego, the intellect and the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil. If we go further in Genesis Chapter 3, Verse 7, it says, "When the eyes of both of them were opened and they realized that they were naked, so they sewed fig leaves together to make themselves loincloths." An understanding of nakedness at that time was a sign of unworthiness, of defeat, or of a subservient position.

Is it possible that through our intellect, through our ego, we ate this imaginary fruit of this tree and became aware of the fact that we were not equal to our Creator, and by doing so we lost our ability to communicate and live in His paradise that He made for us? We all know that when we work with the psychic that we must subdue ourselves. We must quiet our intellect so that we can perceive. When we allow the intellect or ego to become involved in it, then we perceive incorrectly. We don't understand what we are getting. So, maybe the original sin of Adam and Eve or our original sin which is passed down to us from Adam and Eve is man's ego, his intellect cutting that intuitive part, Eve, away from us so that we could no longer communicate openly and directly with our Maker, that Divine Vibration.

So, from this, let's think of our intellect as being our downfall, our sin, as opposed to a physical sin. The intellect is the very thing that most of us, in attempting to align ourselves with our Maker or become at-one with Him is the factor that is interfering. Possibly that is the very thing that causes us to lose our at-one-ment with Him. This is only one aspect of the Adam and Eve story. Some of the symbolic factual sin stories in the first part of the Old Testament have a number of meanings to them.

As I said, one of the ways to look at the Old Testament is as a book of God's recorded history and promises to us. That's basically what the Old Testament is when we get beyond the first five books. Even the first five books are constantly showing us our ability to get back to our Creator. It shows man's complete moving away from God, from his Divine Maker, from that Ultimate Vibration, to the point where man is nothing. He has practically destroyed himself completely. He gradually comes back closer and closer to his Maker. It's a very precise step-by-step process, and it's all taken care of very neatly in the Old Testament.

So, then maybe again man's sin is his intellect. I'm not going to say definitely that's what it is because I'm not God, but there is a strong indication from what we know. When we look at the symbolisms that we have found from archeological discoveries, that is what it indicates pretty strongly. I'm playing that down because I don't want anybody to get carried away with this intellect thing. I am saying that's one of the sins that we are guilty of.

There was no fear of death at the time when this was written down. Death to them was just like breathing in and breathing out. When they say die, they are talking about losing their communicative abilities with their Creator and the eating is taking in of knowledge. The word eating means taking in within yourself, and this particular bit of knowledge that we were not equal to our Creator was not to be ours. God never wanted us to know that we were not equal to Him. He provided everything for us. There was nothing to want. Our growth was to come in His way and not in our way, but we wanted to jump ahead of Him, and what happened was that we lost everything. We severed the cord. Not a literal cord, but symbolically, we severed a cord that was our ability to communicate.

When we talk about eating food as from the tree of knowledge, if we want to get into the creation story, the actual belief is, according to the literalists and according to discoveries, there was a multiple creation. If you check the area where the Garden of Eden is supposed to be, I am sure you will find old life there, but you will find life as equally old, and older in other parts of the world. So you see it does describe fact. We were created by the Divine Force, but this fact is brought in in a manner so there are two meanings, the symbolic meaning and the factual meaning. The first five books of the Old Testament try to show us where our sins are. I use the word "sin" because that's the generally accepted term. Probably a better term would be what we did to cut ourselves off from the link with our Maker. We tried to intellectualize.

To repeat, because this is important, the first five books show man's complete moving away from God, from his Divine Maker, from the Ultimate Vibration, to the point where man is nothing. He has practically destroyed himself. Then, through God's help, man gradually comes closer and closer to his Maker. It is a very precise step-by-step process, and it's all taken care of in the Old Testament, so maybe man's sin is his intellect. Again, from the archeological discoveries, we found out about the literary situation, the cultural situation, these stories then begin to paint a picture that this might be a strong indication that man's intellect is his downfall. The way we are going about this is a little bit different than what most people would do, but I'm going to trust that you are going to be open-minded. I

trust that you are going to do a little reading on your own. I'm going to trust that you feel as though I have done some research.

You see this whole situation is interwoven. I am trying to give you a condensed form of years of study in a few sentences. In Matthew, Chapter 18, Verse 23, Christ says (now this is an important key) that we must come to the Father as a child. A child doesn't use his ego or his intellect to learn or to come close to his father or his mother. He's open, he's sincere, and he's trusting. The minute that child begins to apply his intellect or his ego or thinks maybe he knows a little bit better than Mommy and Daddy, he gets his little butt paddled. When we apply our intellect, our ego, then we are no longer sincere, we are no longer open. We rationalize everything. It's a natural thing. We don't always consciously do it, but it's just a natural part of us. Man has to be very careful of his pride, because once we allow pride to get in, then intellect and ego control us. We may not always wish to admit this. We don't always wish to admit that we are less than our Creator. The only thing I can say to that is that if we were equal to God, if we were God, what are we doing in the physical? I think the wisest way to find our at-one-ment would be to take a childlike attitude toward our Creator. Knowing that we are part of Him, but not yet equal to Him, not yet equal in quality, we can never be equal in quantity, we strive for the qualities that God possesses. In the Bible when the authors use the term childlike, they mean trusting and sincere. They don't mean to be childish. That's two different things.

After God sent Adam and Eve out of the garden, the next example we have is the Cain and Abel story where God makes His appearance again, but from that point on, God is silent until we hear about Noah. At that time man had alienated himself so far from God that according to this particular story, God sent the floods wiping out all the wicked people, leaving only Noah and his family. Then God again is silent until we hear of the Tower of Babel.

After that, we go to Abram where God begins to gradually bring about the cycle to the point where we begin our slow progress to re-evolvement toward Him. God was alien to Abram. He was not a religious man. His family was semi-nomadic. He was more than likely an Amorite. God changed his name later on to Abraham. The story begins with Terah, his father. They lived in a town by the name of Ur which we know, from the archeological discovery, was a moon-worshipping society. In fact, it was probably the center of the moon worshippers. Terah's name means moon, and this is an indication that possibly Abram's father was a high priest or something like that in that particular form of belief or worship. They moved from Ur to Heron. This is where God makes His first appearance to Abram. Abram has

what we would call an illumination or a Divine Revelation in that he was told by God that he should move to Cana. An interesting thing about Cana was that the Canaanites were heavy into astrology. From this point on then, we have a gradual evolvement into the chosen people of God. God promised Abram that he would be the father of the Jewish people, and that's the beginning toward the evolvement back to God. That is the beginning of the 12 tribes.

So, we begin to see, if we are keeping an open mind, the progression beginning to unfold. Of course, from there we go into the historical books which give us more information and unfold little tidbits here and there of things to come. All through this, God begins to prepare us for a New Covenant or Dispensation. Particularly in the Books of the Prophets we get a more specific idea of what to expect. In this time the people got a little closer to their Divine Maker, and then they took a few steps back. All through this entire period, they are teeter-tottering back and forth. This continued then until the end of the Old Testament. All through this, God constantly kept this pathway in front of us, as when He gave us the Ten Commandments. Then when Moses came down from Mt. Sinai, what did he discover? They were worshiping a golden idol, a calf made out of their golden jewelry. That is the way that it has been with man. Man has always preferred his rules to override those of God, so we constantly have this "teeter-totter" back and forth, two steps forward, one step back, etc. But in the meantime, God continually has patience. He continually shows us His love by constantly putting up with this back and forth. When we actually get into the Prophets, then God definitely begins to be more specific as to what is coming.

There are many people who are afraid of God, who fear God, and yet if we really get into all of this and study it in depth, we begin to realize God is not a God of fear, even though we are told in the Bible we should "fear the Lord, our God." We will go back to a very simple example of how much love there is in God and how I believe man's own intellect has given him an unneeded fear of God, although let's face it, fear is our best teacher. If we want to get down to it, man is a pretty belligerent animal, and sometimes it does us a little good to live in fear because through fear we begin to become more aware. We learn, but we create a mess that we have to live through. We begin to have some of our greatest awakening from the most dreaded of fears. A classic example of God's love that so many people misunderstand, and I cannot understand why, is clearly stated, but yet so many people miss it when it comes to Cain and Abel. We all know the story that Cain struck down his brother, Abel, and so committed the first murder. In Genesis, Chapter 4, verses 13-16, it says, "Then Cain said to Yahweh, my punishment is greater than I can bear. See, today You drive me from this ground. I must hide

from You and be a fugitive and a wanderer over the earth. Why, whoever comes across me will kill me. Very well, then, Yahweh replies, if anyone kills Cain seven-fold vengeance shall be taken from him. So Yahweh put a mark on Cain to prevent whoever might come across him from striking him down. Cain left the presence of Yahweh and settled in the land of Nod, east of Eden." God showed His love for Cain by marking him so that no other man would harm him. So, you see, even at our worst, God has always come through to help us. The murder of Abel symbolizes the beginning of all the gross sins of the earth or physical, and even in that God has seen fit, or the Divine Creator, whatever term we wish to use, has seen fit to protect us, so how can we actually say that we have a mean God or God of Fear? Most of the Fundamentalists preach fire and damnation to the point where it is ridiculous. It does more harm than good. So that brings us up then to the end of the Old Testament and how it is constructed, about some of the evolutionary spiral that's within it, and how God has gradually brought us from our first inception into the physical to the end of the Old Testament.

God has always laid down a way for us to travel. It has always been very much out in the open, very simple, but man's intellect, man's ego, man's quest to be just like God in the physical, has been his own downfall. We cannot intellectualize God. That's an impossibility. The finite mind cannot conceive the infinite mind. Even to the very promise of a Messiah, a Savior, a what-have-you, man even then intellectualized God's word in that His chosen people, the ones He so carefully groomed for this new awakening, this new step that would bring them closer to Him, began to intellectualize what He was saying. At the end of the Old Testament, they expected a physical kind of Savior, one with great wealth, great armies.

Whether choosing the Jews was actually part of God's plan or not, we can't really say. Since this God, this Divine Vibration, is the Creator of all, we would have to say that this was part of His plan because according to that, then, there would only have been a few people from all on the face of the earth chosen instead of allowing all the Gentiles to also become His chosen people.

With the entrance of Jesus Christ, this changed the entire picture. A whole new era, a whole new cycle began, a whole new way began, so that the Jewish people, or Hebrews, were not the only chosen people, they were not the only rightful heirs. When they rejected what was given to them, the promised Messiah, this automatically opened the doors to all of us.

What happened between the Old and the New Testaments was quite an innovation in that in the Old Testament there was a very strict way of life: 365 rules and regulations had to be followed by those chosen people every day of their lives. Everything from what they had to wear to what they had to eat, the way it was prepared, what utensils must be used, what utensils could not be used for the preparation of foods, etc. We can't manage ten simple rules and regulations today. How in the name of Heaven could we ever reach our at-one-ment with 365? Virtually an impossibility, I would say. Even just looking at it from that, we see how much more open, how much more evolved, how much simpler the current cycle is, but where we have been released from 365 rules and regulations, we now have to put what is left into our day-to-day practice. We are beyond the ritualism, the custom, the diet, the whole formula that was needed then. We are away from that; we are no longer bound by that. Instead, with the conception and birth of Christ, we then came under an entirely New Dispensation that the Divine Force had made known to us through all the prophets, through all the wise men, that the time would come when the old would pass and make way for the new. In the New Testament Christ says, "I did not come to do away with the Law," Matthew 5:17. What was He talking about? What is the Law? Surely not something that man makes; that's not a Law, that's not a Universal or Cosmic Law, that's not a Law of God. That's simply man's law. Christ was saying He did not come to do away with His Father's Law but to add to it. That Divine Force has always indicated to us just exactly how we should live, what the steps were. The steps have always been there, said in different words and different ways, but, nevertheless, they have always been there. When Moses went up to Mt. Sinai, then God put it in plain language what He expected of His people, how we could return to that unity with Him, to that at-one-ment with Him. Christ came to "add to that Law" to bring it into physical reality, physical existence, to live it in order to show us that we could do it. So, with His birth then, we entered a New Covenant, a New Dispensation, where we are no longer hindered by all kinds of ritualism.

The ultimate statement of all the Ten Commandments is LOVE. That word has been battered around and used and twisted and distorted to the point where it doesn't have much meaning to us today. The only kind of true love that exists is love that goes out. Anything that we hold in that we call love is a form of selfishness. If we were to take the complete opposite of love, the essence that is the opposite of love, we would have one word. For every positive action, there is an equal negative reaction. The complete opposite of love is SELF. So that if we take each of the Ten Commandments and scrutinize them, boil them down, tear them down to the real meaning of each one, it is SELF, SELFISHNESS. I don't care what way you wish to put it into manifestation, whether it's through greed, through

hate, through whatever, it is ultimately SELFISHNESS, SELF, putting yourself above something else which is then a form of subtracting from the whole. Instead of contributing to the whole, you are subtracting, thus you are negative, you are taking instead of giving so that when we break one of the Ten Commandments, we are taking away instead of adding to. The only sin there is is SELF. You can manifest that sin in many ways: stealing, hate, worshiping something else, whether it be money or an idol. Still, you are doing it, worshipping SELF. You are placing yourself in a position to judge, to create against the natural flow of things. If we all have come from the same Creative Force, the same Path, the same Vibration, the God, the Infinite Father, whatever term you want to put on It, then we are united, we are all equal. We have no right to take away. It is our honor, our privilege to add to. That's God's rules and regulations. That's the Infinite Father, that's the Cosmos, the Ultimate Vibration, to ADD TO, become part of by contributing, not taking away, to return to, at-one-ment with. That is the Cosmic Law. We came from. We must return to. Man's law is give me, give me, give me, mine, mine, mine, me, me, me. God's Law is we, we, us, us. It is at-one-ment.

The entire Old Testament was this gradual working up to the point in this plan of evolution, the cycle of growth, whereby conditions are such that an entrance can be made, that a covenant can be brought into the physical, that a New Dispensation can be given wherein we are permitted to experience an example of PURE LOVE. We were promised the New Dispensation from the very beginning, and that Divine Force, that Ultimate Vibration, that Infinite Father who loves His children so much, saw to it that we would have it in a very beautiful, very meaningful example. All of the Ten Commandments are summed up in one simple statement. Many people say that we no longer have Ten Commandments, but we have Eleven. And, some people say we no longer have Ten Commandments, but we have One. How many do we have? You have your choice. You either have Ten Commandments to live by, or the sum total of those Ten in One, which is LOVE THY NEIGHBOR AS THYSELF: even if it means that you have to offer your life up for that neighbor, that brother, that sister. When you have reached the point that you can do that, you have walked a path that very, very few of us have. I say this, we have the most loving Creator, the most sensitive Creator that we could want. I am going to make a statement that many of you probably won't accept, and that's your prerogative, but I want to tell you something before I make this statement, that if you disagree with what I say, you just might be making yourself a "god" by judging the very God that created you, saying that He is not capable of such a thing, or that He would not do such a thing. In all sincerity, in all honesty with ourselves, can we ever really be sure that if we disagree with this statement, we are not using our intellect? So, before you jump too quickly at what I am going to say,

in disagreement, I would suggest thinking about it. Since the beginning of time man has always been guided along his evolutionary path. Each step has been deliberately laid down for him so that he has the choice of either accepting it or rejecting it. Many, many times man has gone against his Creator, and yet, regardless of how far away he has gone, that Creator has extended His hand and accepted him back. Each one of you as parents, if one of your children were to turn against you and then came back and said they were sorry, they realized they had been disrespectful or disloyal or hurt you, I would venture to say there isn't one of you here who wouldn't accept that child back with open arms. I would say each of you and every one of you has at least that much love for your children, and if we as human beings, if we as spirits or entities, have that much love, and we are only a breath of that Divine Creator, or that Ultimate Vibration, can you imagine the tremendous amount of love that Infinite Father must have for us? And I say this: That Divine Creator, that Infinite Father, that God, has so much love for us and has had so much love for us that He extended that very portion that constitutes the love, extended it out, brought it into the physical and made it into the individual we call Jesus. I firmly believe there is a knowing deep down inside that the Divine Creator is so loving, so great, so giving, that He actually came into this physical plane in the form of Jesus to show us exactly the way to do it, exactly the way to get back to Him, the way that we as entities, spirits, part of Him, can get off this karmic wheel and get back to the place that we belong. And, I firmly believe that He left behind that Deity part of Him. He did not use that God power to do what He did, but He used only the physical abilities that each and every one of us has to reach that Ultimate, that Perfection, that Mastership that is required of us to get out of this, to stop this karmic wheel. This is quite different from what a lot of people think in the occult and metaphysical, but where has their thinking left them? Are they progressing? Are they happy? I don't see it. I still see them "chasing around after their tails" trying this, trying that. The very conscious level they speak about, the Christ Consciousness they wish to obtain, that level, that very level they wish to obtain, that very level they claim is the perfected state, they turn right around and denounce the author of that level. The metaphysicians want to shove that author down in second place, or third place, or fourth place and follow some other master. No, that just isn't consistent. That just doesn't make sense. We can't wish to achieve a conscious level and say that the author of that conscious level is second-rate, second-best. If we say that, then we must also say that conscious level we wish to reach is no better than the author. Remember one thing: If we believe in that Ultimate Creator, that Ultimate Vibration, that Infinite Father, that God, whatever term we wish to give It, we must also believe that that power is so giving, so accepting, so loving that if that power chose to become manifest in the physical, that power could and that power would if that's what we needed. I say this: That

that earthly man Jesus who became the Christ was the sum total of all the love in the Godhead. I say that Jesus Christ is the Deity, the Son. I believe that the Divine Creator is very intimate with us. He is not some force that sits out in the middle of nowhere and dictates to us here in the physical. He is a personal and intimate Creator. The Divine Creator is here with us right now. He is in each one of us now. We spout in the metaphysical and the occult that we are "gods." How can we be "gods" if we are not part of that God, and if we are part of that God, then we are intimately related to that God? And if we are intimately related to that God, why wouldn't that God come among us right now, or yesterday or tomorrow? We are "gods in the making," not "gods." In the very beginning, in the symbolic story, we are told that "man is made of clay" and that "God breathed into him." How much more intimate can we get than to be given life by breath, by spirit. And, if God or the Infinite Father, or that Ultimate Force did it once, set us up in a paradise once, if He laid it out for us very simply and very easily once, why wouldn't He do it a second time? If He made a paradise for us once, He will make a paradise for us again, and at a very personal level. And, I believe that the Divine Creator did this in the form of Christ, in the form of Jesus Christ. The Divine Creator is a personal and intimate God. He is not something that sits out in the middle of nowhere, and I repeat that again, sits out in the middle of nowhere, casting judgment upon us or controlling us or damning us. When we need Him, we can gain guidance simply by tossing away our selfish ego or selfish intellect and allowing Him to work through us. The Divine Creator has given us the steps. All we have to do is live the example.

The next session will cover John the Baptist, Jesus Christ, and John the Gospel writer who is called the Metaphysician of the Church. He is the only man in history who has been actually recognized and proclaimed as a metaphysician in the church. We will also cover the possibilities of the relationship that they may have had with the Essenes. Although the Essenes are not mentioned in the New Testament, there are indications of them in the Old Testament, very strong indications, and a light indication in the New Testament, but the church has always recognized the Essenes. They are not a hidden group nor have they ever been hidden. There is a sizeable amount of information that the church has. It has been made available, but there again it is a matter of deciding to go out and hunt for the information.