MAN, WORLD AND COSMOS

THE FOUR WORLDS are environments of differing degrees of materiality, becoming more and more complex culminating in the proliferation of the fourth world. "Our" world has materiality within a universe. "Our" universe exists within the multiverse, and is a selfconsistent manifestation of law and creation. The multiverse has existence within the first world, whose triplicity is the seed of the hierarchies.

SEVEN COSMOSES sustain the worlds, the living and being of the universe; each fivefold, each interrelating and overlapping with its neighbour (Diag.). Thus the cosmoses possess energy which gives man the ability to move his consciousness from one cosmos to another - a path of development.

MAN EXISTS IN ALL FOUR WORLDS. He is endowed with mind, the ability to relate consciousness to form. He has the will to be one, to attain a body and an identity. By the action of the Mothers he has the urge to maintain integrity.

In the first world, which contains the seed of all possible creations, he shares his being with all sentiency, although it is unlikely that he will comprehend this.

Within the multiverse he acquires potentialities of shape, size, life span to accord with the universe which he will inhabit. A body pattern is laid down - he will be tall or short, within certain limits. He will be thin or fat, within certain limits. He will have a probable life span. Patterns for life's possibilities evolve - he will have his myths, his heroes, his ideals.

In the third world he finds apparent reality in the universe in which he lives, although constantly confronted by duality and paradox, mirroring the duality of the second world: the two sides of his mind respectively relating to the moment to moment existence which he leads and to the long view of the changes which lie behind.

In the material. world, mirroring the triplicity of the first world, he is sustained by the physical environment with which he interacts; which he himself creates, using the instinct which was laid down at his creation.

WHAT PART OF MAN HAS EXISTENCE IN ALL FOUR WORLDS? I would say that it is his essence, his oneness.

However this essence needs an identity to relate to the four worlds, an organising, clothing factor, and this is the psyche, the identity which relates to the space and time of the universe in which man exists.

Our world is real for man, as his body is made of its substance, and its substance is made by his consciousness. It is part of a spatial system of comparable materiality, which he has the capability of sensing and contacting.

According to man's development, his psyche acts as an organising factor for identity in all the worlds. In the world of duality it enables him to realise that his identity is a viewpoint, an illusion of objectivity.

In the world of epitomes, or archetypes, it enables him to clothe his ideals in relation to his own time and space. In this world the Mothers urge him to maintain his moral integrity, so that his essence may remain undefiled.

In the world of void, eternity and change he may see the Creator within himself and realise that Unity is beyond.

Even here there are pitfalls in development, as it is easy to mistake void or eternity for unity, or to crave a different kind of life.

"Stop the world, I want to get off" "Give me life everlasting" "If my life were different, I would be different."

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What man encounters in the different worlds cannot be experienced directly, but must be clothed by his psyche in a garb which it can understand.

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MAN'S EGO is formed of the living / being of the cosmoses, which he abstracts from his own physical / interactive / creative cosmoses.

Unfortunately as man has done the abstracting himself, he is apt to consider that this ego is his true identity instead of merely a tool by which he can relate and interact.

EGO RELATES THE COSMOSES WITH THE <u>MATERIAL</u> level - that is, it takes in impressions from any level and stores them, resulting in behaviour patterns.

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CONSIDER THE SIX CONSTRUCTORS (above) - one of the factors is REPETITION. Both ego and psyche patterns may repeat (as indeed may any other pattern within creation).

Obviously in the course of life repetition has an important place, as a learning process and as recognition of cause and effect, but if an ego is overly conditioned, given certain circumstances the individual will always react in the same way, regardless of any other possibility. Energy takes the shortest and easiest path to fulfillment - an ego which is conditioned by an overmastering emotion – e.g. kill, kill, kill, will find itself inevitably in a situation to do just that. The same would apply to "be killed, be killed"

although the individual would not be capable of realising that he himself was the instigator of this manifestation of the economy of law.

If the constructors - the Ruler of an identity - are hindered in the completion of their task and orders of action, there will be an imbalance resulting in a build-up of energy in a nexus, which will oscillate relentlessly, or perhaps spill over, in either case having a drastic effect on the behaviour patterns of the person concerned.

Every level of being has the urge to return to source, and if an energy flow completes its orders of action all the elements are balanced. Each situation will be considered on its own merits, with repetition being given due consideration - no more, no less.

An example is a quarrel between two people. If the quarrel is over and done with, the energy is returned to source. If the ego is conditioned to bear a grudge in such a situation, it will repeat the grudge in this and similar situations for evermore.

IT IS THEREFORE DESIRABLE TO TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR ACTIONS. Responsibility reduces causes - a person blames everybody else for what goes wrong multiplicity of causes; takes responsibility - one cause, the level of the Ruler of the identities.

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KARMA. The Repetition factor in the constructors is the source of the idea of "karma". In the West the word has acquired emotive connotations - a personal fate or destiny; a kind of judgment; a succession of rewards and punishments.

From the foregoing it will be seen that what we call karma is the result of attachment of mind to form, seen in its effect on an entity - each entity being a "family", whether we are talking about part of a person, an individual, a family, a tribe, nation, race, or mankind itself. Due to Repetition we inherit not only physical characteristics but ego patterns; we partake of the psyche of the life-group into which we are born.

Karma is not the awful consequence of popular imagination but LAWFUL CONSEQUENCE of energy flows and. repetition of patterns.

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TIME AND SPACE. To comprehend the above it is necessary to have a more flexible idea of what a NOW is.

A NOW is a shared moment of being, in which the past and the future are inherent. The future may be changed by interaction with a different factor in the shared moment of being of another now.

An example might be a clock ticking. Its past is that it has ticked. Its future is that it will go on ticking. But after one or two more nows the spring might break, or someone might throw it out of a window.

A NOW depends on your viewpoint - or your view depends on the size of your NOW. Different processes have different nows. A moment of being for one level of process may

contain many other moments at lower levels of being. Past and future, therefore, have to be related to the size of the NOW.

We can see that the future, although inherent in a NOW, may be changed. Transformation and Creation may act, instead of Repetition. If your NOW is large enough, would it be possible to change the past - that is to transform and change an identity, so that it did not contain components which it had previously contained?

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The body shares a level of being with the earth as it is made of earthly material. The body creates its own succession of NOWS from its shared being with the space of the earth, and what it can comprehend through its senses. Therefore if it shares a NOW, a physical presence, with something which is happening to the earth, such as an earthquake, it may be damaged or destroyed. When the body has survived its due term it returns to the earth. The body as such cannot repeat, but the <u>pattern</u> may - which is why you may be the spitting image of Uncle so and so.

The ego shares a level of being with whatever it has attached itself to. Thus it may last longer than the body, if it has identified with a particular craving, attachment, unfulfilled longing.

The psyche shares a level of being with the spirit of the age. A shared NOW may mean unavoidable involvement in mankind's affairs, e.g. war.

As we have seen, both psyche and ego patterns can repeat, giving an identity which relates to another earth-time, and a word which has acquired a similar connotation to karma is "reincarnation". If a psyche pattern and an ego pattern coincide in their repetition, it is possible for an individual to glimpse this other identity, a "former life".

A pure essence could share a NOW with all sentient beings, unlimited by time or space - but as essence has no imagery these contacts would need to be clothed by the psyche.

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These are the NOWS, the shared moments of being, of an individual, but what is the NOW of the world, the universe, the multiverse, the gods?

What is the reality of your NOW, its past and its future? Is it the now of the tiniest living component of your body, which lives, dies and is replaced without even your knowledge? Or is it the unimaginable swirlings of the multiverse of which your world and universe are a part?

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<u>Note</u>

This paper has its origins in the work of a small Manchester group which studied Karma.

