

# THE ASCENDED MASTERS

Rulers of the Darkness of this Age

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Many times in the course of our writings, we have spoken of a hierarchy of spirit-entities known variously as the "Ascended Masters" or "Great White Brotherhood" or "Brotherhood of Luxor". The widespread popularising of this phenomenon is probably the single most important contribution of the New Age Movement to the rising tide of psychic evil. These beings are alleged by Neo-Gnostics to be overseeing the spiritual and 'evolutionary' development of the human race on both an individual level and in terms of the process of global civilisation. According to the accounts, there is a distinct hierarchy of Masters in operation which — based on the the schemes upheld by H.P. Blavatsky and Alice Bailey — can be presented in the following table in order to aid understanding.

	<b>The Solar Logos</b>	
	<b>Sanat Kumara (Lord of the World)</b>	
	<b>Three Kumaras (Buddhas of Activity)</b>	
<b>Will</b>	<b>Love / Wisdom</b>	<b>Intelligence</b>
Manu Vaivasvata	Bodhisattva Maitreya (The Christ or World Teacher)	The Mahachohan (Lord of Civilisation)
(1) Master Morya	(2) Master Kuthumi	(3) The Venetian Master
Master Jupiter	Master Djwal Khul	(4) Master Serapis
		(5) Master Hilarion
		(6) Master Jesus
		(7) Master Prince Rakocki
	Four grades of Initiates	
	Various grades of disciples	
	People on the Probationary Path	
	All other members of the at all degrees	human race

The Hierarchy is pyramidal, although there are two levels of being, with the 'lower' Masters being under the guidance of still 'higher' spirit-entities known as the Enlightened Ones (the Three Buddhas). These are under yet another entity called Sanat Kumara (the 'Lord of this World') — all of which have ruling over them the 'Solar Logos', which is a crude parody of the Godhead of the Bible. The numbered Masters are also known as 'The Seven Rays'. Those Masters below the level of the Three Kumaras are the only members of the Hierarchy with whom humans can expect to communicate; and it is these who have allegedly been channelling through Helena Blavatsky, Alice Bailey and the many others who claim to have received personal visitations from the Masters.

It is not at all beyond the bounds of possibility that what is being laid out in the table above in some way reflects an aspect of the '*spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places*' who are the '*rulers of the darkness of this age*', as spoken of by the Apostle Paul in his letter to the Ephesians — a letter which, above all else, gives an overview of the place of the Church in relation to the cosmic powers (Eph.6:12).<sup>1</sup> One can certainly see in the above table some corroboration of the fact that '*the whole world lies under the sway of the wicked one*' (1 Jn.5:19), who is indeed '*the god of this world*' (2 Cor.4:4).

These Masters are alleged to work from a specific spiritual centre for their work in this world — an 'etheric retreat' centred on the Gobi Desert, entitled 'Shambhala'. They are also associated with a hidden location in Tibet called 'Shigatse'. A number of lesser Masters are said to inhabit the earth in physical bodies, having taken over strategically-placed bodies in order to carry out their tasks in the world. A detailed description of their sphere of operations, in one of the channelled classics in occult literature, gives further evidence of the true nature of this Hierarchy:

'After the great descent of the spiritual Existences [the Masters] to the earth, the work they planned to do was systematised. Offices were apportioned, and the processes of evolution in all the departments of nature were brought under the conscious wise guidance of this initial Brotherhood. This Hierarchy of Brothers of Light still exists, and the work goes steadily on. They are all in physical existence, either in dense physical bodies, such as many of the Masters employ, or in etheric bodies, such as the more exalted helpers and the Lord of the World occupy... The central home of this Hierarchy is at Shambhala, a centre in the Gobi Desert, called in the ancient books the "White Island". It exists in etheric matter, and when the race of men on earth have developed etheric vision its location will be recognised and its reality admitted... Several of the Masters in physical bodies dwell in the Himalaya mountains, in a secluded spot called Shigatse, far from the ways of men, but the greater number are scattered all over the world, dwelling in different places in the

various nations, unrecognised and unknown, yet forming each in His own place a focal point for the energy of the Lord of the World'.<sup>2</sup>

Let us just examine some of this strange information. First there is mention of a '*great descent of the Masters to the earth*', after which there was a systematisation of their work. Compare this with the verse in the Bible which tells us that after a mighty cosmic battle with good angels in the wake of Jesus' Ascension: '*The great dragon was cast out, that serpent of old, called the Devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world; he was cast to the earth, and his angels were cast out with him*' (Rev.12:9). Is there not a remarkable analogy between this biblical description of the fate of the fallen angels and the statement above about a '*great descent of the Masters to the earth*'? Then there is the statement that these Masters are said to be providing a '*focal point for the energy of the Lord of the World*'. The only spiritual entity to be referred to in such a way in the Bible is the devil himself, whom Paul designates '*the god of this world*' (2 Cor.4:4), and Jesus refers to as the '*ruler of this world*' (Jn.12:31; 14:30; 16:11). Furthermore, is there not a connection between the fact that these Masters are said to operate from an etheric location above the earth, while Satan and his fallen angelic accomplices are spoken of in Scripture as operating from '*the air*' (Eph.2:2) — an other-dimensional location corresponding to the atmosphere of the earth? Later in the same letter, Paul identifies the fallen angelic powers as '*spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places*' (Eph.6:12). Surely, the true identity of these entities is plain for all Bible students to see. However, according to the Neo-Gnostic worldview, the idea of the original fall of angels is neatly disposed of by claiming that it was merely part of '*the divine plan of evolution...emanating from the Mind of God*', while the '*war in heaven*' described in Rev.12:7-9 refers to the time 'when the sons of God [angels]...who responded to the divine urge to experience, to serve and to sacrifice, separated themselves from the sons of God [angels] who responded to no such inspiration'.<sup>3</sup>

Note that some of the Ascended Masters are not discarnate but are said to operate in physical bodies in this world. Consider also that a number of Neo-Gnostic writers have drawn attention to a phenomenon known as 'Walk-Ins', '*souls who, through spiritual growth in previous incarnations, have earned the right to take over unwanted bodies*'.<sup>4</sup> The claim is made that if a person who undergoes a near-death experience (e.g., in a road accident, illness, or on an operating table) no longer has the will to live, he or she can be 'taken over' by discarnate entities so that after resuscitation they can be used to infiltrate earth communities. If this is true, it would signify a global build-up of true demon possession, by which Satan can manipulate earth events with 'hands-on' experience. This would also fit the description, in the Book of Revelation (e.g., Rev.9:1-12), of the demon infested conditions on earth prior to the return of the Lord Jesus Christ at the end of the Age — not to mention those in the time of Noah (Gen.6:1-6; cf. Mt.24:37).

Bear in mind here that possession by a demon does not mean that a person will grow horns or fall about the floor foaming at the mouth. This would especially be so in the cases of the 'Walk-In' phenomenon described above, where there has been a complete takeover of the individual. When demon-possession is mentioned in the Gospels, it was often only when the Lord Jesus approached demoniacs personally that they behaved in a bizarre fashion; before which they had been behaving perfectly normally and even worshipping in the synagogue (e.g., Mk.1:21-28). However, whether or not one accepts the extraordinary claims about 'Walk-Ins' — which are by no means impossible, given a full understanding of supernatural evil — there can be no doubt that a great many extraordinary global developments are taking place which would appear to give credence to the fact that the aims of the Neo-Gnostics and their satanic Masters are being achieved on the earth today. Even near the start of this century, the work of the Ascended Masters was described in occult literature as carrying out the following functions in the world:

- Unifying Eastern and Western thought to bring about one universal church.
- Stimulating the growth of the healing arts.
- Building the world influence of occult groups such as the Freemasons, etc.
- Stimulating psychic research, the development of the intuition, and spiritualism.
- Directing the Labour Movement throughout the world.<sup>5</sup>

These ambitions have already been realised on a massive scale across the world a mere seventy years later. Through consciousness-altering techniques, millions of people have allegedly received visitations from these discarnates who have masqueraded as benevolent spirits, duping their hosts into believing that they are angels serving the higher needs of the Divine Plan. This kind of activity is not just confined to a few marginalised cranks. Respectable and influential figures are now avidly endorsing contact with such spirits. For example, the knighted occultist and 'Francis Younghusband Memorial' lecturer, Sir George Trevelyan, has championed an anonymously written manuscript which claims that the current build-up of Unidentified Flying Objects (UFOs) is part of the work of the 'Masters' as they direct Extra-Terrestrials (ETs) which have been brought from other galaxies to patrol the 'etheric envelope' around the planet and to usher in the New Age on earth.<sup>6</sup> It is this phenomenon which accounts for the increasing reports of UFOs and ETs in the world's media. In reality, these occurrences are grand illusions conjured up by the demonic realm under Satan, their '*prince of the power of the air*' (Eph.2:2), not only to engender a sympathy to the concept of the existence of superbeings in the form of ET's (which undermines God's exclusive covenantal work with His people on the planet Earth), but also to engender an openness to contact with non-humanoid beings of a 'higher evolutionary order' than ourselves. To the Christian who is firmly grounded in the Scriptures, such discarnates or ET's are easily identifiable as the product of the satanic world-plan — that is, either they are

actual demons (fallen angels) manifested in bodily form, or these beings are somehow projected as real into the minds of those who are open to receiving such information as true.<sup>7</sup> We have a great deal more to report about ETs and UFOs, and you will find this in the article on the subject on this website.

Occultic developments involving discarnates are being tolerated even in establishment circles. As a sure sign of the times, the 'Daily Telegraph' blandly reported that 'a *psychic who says that he goes into a trance and is guided by four spirits to write a book is receiving a grant from the Government enterprise allowance scheme*'.<sup>8</sup> In another example of the increasing respectability of spiritist activity, in the acknowledgements section at the front of his book extolling the twentieth century 'rediscovery' of Gnosticism, Dr. John Rossner of the Department of Religion at Concordia University in the U.S.A. makes mention of 'the presence of patient Unseen Forces and Beneficent Helpers who — through all of the experiences recorded in this volume — I have come to recognise as the true Architects of that new but in fact very ancient Consciousness of a "Primordial Tradition of Intuition and Insight" which is being born again into this world in our day'.<sup>9</sup>

Such 'Unseen Forces and Beneficent Helpers' are currently disseminating their world objectives and directing the New Gnosticism through a number of International 'Centres of Light', a phenomenon we shall be examining in the next section. Some of these 'Masters' are said to be 'perfected resurrected beings' who have worked their way through a number of highly-prestigious incarnations on earth such as Plato, Pythagoras, Francis Bacon, Francis of Assisi, Thomas More, Thomas Aquinas, etc. Neo-Gnostics claim that Jesus is also one of these beings, whose incarnation provided a vehicle for a cosmic entity called 'The Christ', which entered at his baptism and departed at the Crucifixion (an ancient Gnostic conceit) and which will return as the *Bodhisattva Maitreya* or World Teacher.

Some groups also claim that Mary, the mother of the Lord Jesus, is one of the 'Ascended Masters' who will be transmitting messages of peace on an increasingly regular basis as we draw to the close of the Piscean Age and move into the beginning of the new Aquarian Age.<sup>10</sup> Perhaps we can now understand the significance of the many apparitions — so beloved by Roman Catholics — of the Virgin Mary throughout the present century, in which she calls repeatedly for the setting-up of a global brotherhood to usher in an earthly reign of peace and justice. The pictorial form in which this 'Ascended Master', Mother Mary, is represented in the occult literature is virtually identical to the form of the Virgin Mary which appears in Roman Catholic visions and apparitions. The Neo-Gnostics refer to this spirit-entity as the '*Archetypal New Age Woman*',<sup>11</sup> and it is difficult to avoid the conclusion that for centuries Roman Catholics have been hoodwinked into regarding a demonic discarnate deception as a genuine vision of the mother of Jesus Christ. In other words, the Virgin Mary of the visions is an evil spirit.

One of the most renowned of the present-day apparitions is that which recurs in Medjugorje in Bosnia. This entity has been drawing countless numbers of international travellers to the village, where a select group of young men and women have ecstatic visions and report their communications to the eagerly awaiting folk in attendance. This entity has reportedly given the youngsters ten prophetic secrets to be revealed before their occurrence in order to convince the world of her authenticity. In common with the other 'Ascended Masters', this apparition preaches '*Peace, peace, when there is no peace*' (cf. Jer.6:14). One occult group characterises this discarnate entity as communicating such messages as: '*I am not only your mother but your very personal friend. I ask you to take my hand, to take me to your home, to accept me as your friend*'.<sup>12</sup> In Medjugorje, she transmits lengthy messages which are repeatedly punctuated with the eerie, robotic phrase: '*Thankyou for responding to my call...thankyou for responding to my call...thankyou for responding to my call, etc*'.<sup>13</sup>

To those with whom these discarnates communicate, they claim to be acting in the higher interests of humanity by guiding scientific discovery and socio-political events. Meanwhile their advocates openly admit that their main objective is the formation of global religious cooperation and a corresponding form of international government, which will be guided by a 'World Teacher' who is predicted as coming '*towards the close of the twentieth century*'.<sup>14</sup> In terms of their worldview, this will constitute the commencement of the Aquarian Age — the New Age. In theosophical thought the world develops, from a spiritual standpoint, in evolutionary stages of roughly two thousand years' duration — each age corresponding to one of the astrological signs of the Zodiac, although running in reverse order. The start of each new age is heralded by a spiritual teacher and 'higher master'. Two thousand years ago, at the commencement of the Piscean age, it was 'The Christ'. Now we stand on the threshold of a New Age, the Aquarian Age (hence, the description, 'New Age Movement'), which will be characterised by an engineered 'quantum leap' in man's psychic powers — the preparatory evidence of which we can see all around us. '*This is the dawning of the Age of Aquarius*', as the song says from the musical 'Hair'. Soon, claim the Neo-Gnostics, the World Teacher will come to assist in this process. The dates for the arrival on the world scene of this global leader vary, but all estimates given by occultists are around the turn of the millennium, with 1993-2102 as the crisis period. For the past one hundred and twenty years — although the majority of Christians are unaware of it — occult initiates across the globe have been trained up in preparation for two mighty events in world history, the substance of which has now been revealed in esoteric writings. These are: 'First, the coming of the World Teacher towards the close of this present century, and the other, the founding of the new sixth sub-race in the reconstruction of the present world conditions'.<sup>15</sup>

We are now living on the threshold of one of the greatest deceptions ever to manifest in the world, but through which the vast majority of Christians are sleep-walking. The corruption of doctrine in the Church, the vast liberal apostasy in colleges and congregations, the huge growth in occult practices, the development of the New Gnosticism, the propagation of a New World Order — all this must be seen against the backcloth of the work attributed by occultists to these "Masters" in the world. Occult adepts of the higher degrees have known these secrets for decades. As the occultist Alice Bailey told her pupils:

'Very definitely may the assurance be given here, that prior to the coming of the [World Teacher], *adjustments will be made* so that at the head of all great organisations will be found either a Master, or an initiate who has taken the third initiation. At the head of certain of the great occult groups, of the Freemasons of the world, and of the *various great divisions of the Church*, and resident in many of the great nations will be found initiates or masters. This work of the Masters is proceeding now, and all their efforts are being bent towards bringing it to a successful consummation. Everywhere [the Masters] are *gathering in those who in any way show a tendency to respond to high vibration, seeking to force their vibration and to fit them* so that they may be of use at the time of the coming of the [World Teacher]. Great is the day of opportunity, for when that time comes, through the stupendous strength of the vibration then brought to bear upon the sons of men, it will be possible for those who now do the necessary work to take a great step forward, and to pass through the portal of initiation'.<sup>16</sup> [emphasis added]

Do you see the significance of this statement to the subject matter of our study? The claim is being made that there are now high-degree occult initiates hell-bent on machinating the New World Order by occupying influential positions in the Freemasons, World Government and the Church. It does not take a great deal of research to demonstrate that such a claim has indeed been realised. Alice Bailey says, regarding one particular Master, that '*certain great prelates of the Anglican and Catholic Churches are wise agents of His*'.<sup>17</sup> Take a moment to meditate on this. If you have been looking for an understanding as to why there should have been such great apostasy from the faith, and liberal ascendancy in the theological colleges and denominations of the world, you need look no further. For, as has also been disclosed (and remember that this was published as early as 1922):

'[The Masters] have Their disciples and Their followers everywhere, and work through many bodies and many aspects of teaching. Throughout the world, disciples of these Masters have come into incarnation at this time with the sole intent of participating in the activities and occupations and truth dissemination in the various churches, sciences, and philosophies, and thus producing within the organisation itself an expansion, a widening, and a *disintegration where necessary*, which might otherwise be impossible. It might be wise for occult students everywhere to recognise the hierarchical vibration as it demonstrates through the medium of disciples in the most unlikely places and groups'.<sup>18</sup> [emphasis added]

Note well that phrase, 'disintegration where necessary'. Such a carefully controlled breakdown can be seen happening all around us in the realm of law and order, in the crisis of authority in educational institutions, in the dissolution of the sovereignty of nation-states in favour of monolithic constitutional structures (e.g., the E.E.C. or E.U. in Europe), in the corrupt capers of the financial systems of the world, in the heretical liberalisation of Christian denominations and seminaries, in the huge growth of deviant literature in Christian bookshops, and in the departure of the Gospel and Bible truth from so many church pulpits. It is also interesting to note the claim that anyone '*who in any way shows a tendency to respond to high vibration*' (i.e., who attempts to alter their consciousness through the various techniques inspired by the demonic realm) will receive every encouragement from the powers who are guiding these things in order to fulfil their purpose — all, of course, under the permissive and controlling hand of God (cf. Rev.17:17).

An interesting and significant fact is that this concept of a coming World Teacher who sets up a Golden Age on earth can be found in many world religious systems as well as in the literature of the occult. At present, numerous religious groupings are living in such an expectation. For example, the Shi'ite Muslims believe that '*God has designated a line of the family of 'Ali to act as sources of spiritual guidance to the community*'.<sup>19</sup> The various members of this family line are known as 'Imams'. However, in the ninth century the twelfth of the line disappeared, and this led to a hiatus in the manifestation of the Imams. However, '*the Shi'is now await the return (raj'a) of the expected Imam, who will re-establish a reign of justice and peace on earth*'.<sup>20</sup> The significance to world events of this expectation of the *Mahdi*, as he is called, should not be missed. For the Shi'ites believe that 'towards the end of the world, before the Last Day (Qiyama), a Mahdi, often identified with the returned Jesus, will establish a reign of justice on the earth. In Shi'ism the Mahdi is a vital figure, identified with the Hidden Imam who will reappear and rule by divine prescription'.<sup>21</sup>

The Ayatollah Khomeini was a Shi'ite Muslim and his Iranian Revolution of 1978-9 was a Shi'ite-inspired event. It is worth noting that after this Revolution, the Ayatollah Khomeini became recognised as 'Vilayat Faqih' or supreme temporal representative in Iran of the Hidden Imam or Mahdi who is still to come.<sup>22</sup> The power of the Shi'ites worldwide is enormous. If a World Teacher was to appear who could fulfil their expectations, his powerbase would be immense. But it is not only the many millions of Shi'ite Muslims who are expecting a World Teacher to establish a reign of peace and justice on the earth. Classical Buddhism also speaks of the expectancy of a future World Teacher to follow in the line of its founder Shakyamuni Gautama Buddha, who was alive in the sixth century B.C. Establishing the link even more profoundly, the name of their expected teacher is Bodhisattva Maitreya, which corresponds precisely with the name of the 'Ascended Master' expected to come as the World Teacher of the Neo-Gnostics (see the table earlier in this

section). There is yet another interesting connection here: In Neo-Gnostic ideology, the etheric retreat where the 'Ascended Masters' are reputed to live is referred to as *Shambhala*. In the religion of Tibetan Buddhism, the same name of *Shambhala* refers to 'a mystic kingdom ruled by the lineage holders of the Kalachakra Tantra (Wheel of Time Tantra). It is said that King Suchandra of Shambhala received this Tantra from Buddha in the latter's eightieth year and entrusted it to his successors, the last of whom, Rigden Pema Karpo, is expected to return and establish Shambhala as a universal kingdom'.<sup>23</sup>

Once again, we discover in yet another religion this idea of a coming World Teacher who sets up a Golden Age on earth. Let us remember here that the Tibetan Buddhist Dalai Lama, who is so influential among the Neo-Gnostics of today, occupies a similar role to that of the Ayatollah Khomeini in terms of being the 'supreme temporal representative' of the Buddha, until the coming of the Maitreya to '*establish Shambhala as a universal kingdom*'. In anticipation of this occurrence, the Tibetan Buddhist organisation known as *Vajradhatu*, with its headquarters in Boulder, Colorado, has set up an imprint entitled the 'New Science Library Series of Shambhala', which publishes many titles propagating the New Gnosticism.

Another important factor to recognise, in relation to the global expectation of a World Teacher who will usher in a Golden Age on earth, is that the Jewish people of the world are still awaiting their Messiah (Hebrew, *Mashiyach*) to bring a reign of peace and justice on earth. This fact takes on sinister proportions when one considers that enigmatic statement of the Lord Jesus to the Jews that, although they would not accept Him as Messiah, '*if another comes in his own name, him you will receive*' (Jn.5:43). Here we begin to gain an insight into the true identity of this World Teacher expected by so many of the world's religions. As Augustine of Hippo (A.D. 354-430) rightly states, concerning the words of the Lord Jesus to the Jews in Jn.5:43: '*He intimated that they would receive Antichrist, who will seek the glory of his own name*'.<sup>24</sup>

Numerous other cults and groupings hold beliefs which are significant to this concept of the coming World Teacher. Among them, the American Indian Hopi tribe has been lending support to the spiritual timetable of the Neo-Gnostics. We have mentioned earlier the special dates which were given by Hopi prophecy as being auspicious to the approaching quantum leap in evolution which is associated with the coming of the World Teacher. Another fact pointed out by the Neo-Gnostics is that all the prophecies of the Mesoamerican Mayan culture — for whom they have great admiration — culminate in the year A.D. 2011, by which time they expect their earthly millennium to have been well-established.

What are Christians to make of all this millennial expectancy and the advent of a World Teacher? Surely, just as the idea of a future Golden Age on earth has been fabricated by Satan in his strategy of the Last Days, as a way of seducing people from the biblical fact of eternal life in the New Heavens and New Earth, so he has dredged up the idea of a coming Teacher who will set up a reign of peace and justice *on earth* — all in crass counterfeit of the Second Coming of Christ, who will establish a *heavenly* kingdom. Many Neo-Gnostics even refer to their coming World Teacher as 'The Christ' — a description which will no doubt be used to persuade untaught and undiscerning persons who profess to be Christians that this character is the actual returned Jesus Christ. Surely, it is not impossible that such a one as this expected World Teacher, who will have great occult powers and political panache, will actually come in the near future.

The people of the world today are crying out for a strong leader to take them into the twenty-first century. Naturally, such a leader would have to be highly ecumenical if he is to satisfy the requirements of all the sects and religions who are awaiting his coming. But that is not beyond the bounds of possibility, given the present syncretist outlook of the world, as we will come to appreciate in the final chapter. However, if and when such a world leader does appear, he could well be the Antichrist shown by the Bible to appear and rule on earth for a brief time as Satan's figurehead before the return of the true Jesus Christ (2 Th.2:3-11). In view of the Scriptural data, it is likely that there will be a large degree of deception about this event when it comes to pass (2 Th.2:9-11), especially when we consider that there are a great many professing Christians who are also expecting Jesus to set up a kingdom of peace and justice on the earth! We should remember the warning of the Lord that false christs can be so beguiling that they have the potential to deceive the elect, if such a thing is possible (Mt.24:24). Remember also how He added emphatically, '*See, I have told you beforehand*' (Mt.24:25).

The details that we have revealed in this section of the present chapter give some considerable credence to the idea that Satan has carefully planned out an occult agenda which would be most compelling in its power. As an example of the skilful planning of this satanic strategy in the Gospel Age, one of these discarnates reveals in a channelled message given in the late 1970s that '[the] instructions [to the Masters] were to pretty much stay out of things until near the very end of the process. Then, upon receipt of a pre-arranged signal, they were to commune with the human beings on Earth at that time and assist them in awakening to their original state of unified consciousness. We received that signal nearly two thousand years ago. It has taken almost two millennia to prepare you for the message we bring. You had to be educated before communion of this nature was possible. However the time is at hand'.<sup>25</sup>

Ken Carey, one of the leading Neo-Gnostics of today, claims to have received information about this on the psychic plane from spirit-entities which has since been issued in book-form by the 'respectable' religious publisher, Harper (who also published John Wimber's book 'Power Evangelism' in the U.S.A. in 1986). In one communiqué referring to the work of the Masters in the affairs of the world, these beings disclose that all such developments have been taking place under the watchful eye and helping hands of their fellow discarnates. Placing the acceleration of this work firmly within the context of the hippie counter-culture of the

1960s, this statement, written in the late 1970s, maintains that 'We chose the years 1967 to 1969 for this first large-scale experiment, because at that time in your global civilisation there was an entire generation coming into maturity that was receptive to change on a planetary scale. The children of **this** generation will be those who will participate, on many different levels, in the great revelations of the late eighties. This will be a truly momentous time, a time when the first contractions of birth are unmistakable. A large part of the purpose of these present transmissions is to prepare the parents of this generation for something unprecedented that is to appear in their children.

'Our communications during these closing years of the seventies are reaching past the social fringe of your culture that was contacted during the sixties. This time, we are reaching deep into the heart of global civilisation. We are reaching many who are in what we call "lubricatory positions" in your society — individuals working in factories, teaching in schools, building your cities, and expanding your science. We are not in much contact yet with government officials, nor with world banks or international financiers. Our first contacts with them will occur during the more powerful transmissions of 1987 to 1989. Those who we are contacting now, nonetheless, are critical enough in the maintenance of your social systems to ensure that the world will make some incredible leaps in consciousness during the next decade...

'By the time of the eighties revelations, knowledge of our existence and our work will be widespread, especially among the younger generation, the prime focus of our efforts at that time... So clear your circuitry, my friend. Great portents of change are in the air. Your physicists are speaking of these things in terms that defy explanation. Your psychologists are abandoning the sinking ships of conventional rationality. Your religions are exploding beyond the confines of their dogma in the rediscovery of Spirit... There is a new vibrational pattern on your planet. Tune into it and learn an effective way of dealing with the closing years of history'.<sup>26</sup>

We can see, therefore, that all these developments have not been happening of their own volition. There is a pattern to the unfolding religious influences of these present days, and it involves the global psychic influence of the rulers of the darkness of this age. As another leading occultist reveals: 'The Great Awakening is taking place. In the cities and towns across America, hardly a week goes by without a symposium, seminar or workshop on spiritual healing, extrasensory perception...new age living, the power within, creative imagination, the dynamics of positive thinking, mind control, awareness training, higher sense perception, the art of meditation, new dimensions of consciousness, holistic medicine, yoga... This is not by chance. According to one Advanced Soul, "Through the silent hidden work of the Masters, men and women throughout the world are beginning to intuitively understand the Truth. There is a vibration, call it the Master Vibration, that is flowing through the consciousness of mankind, turning each individual toward the Light within, and it is only a matter of time before the Dawning"'.<sup>27</sup>

The discernment of the true identity of this imminent '*Dawning*' is a matter of some urgency for Christians today. Never, at any stage in history, has the scene been so fully set for the manipulation of a deception of global proportions through the instrumentality of these 'Unseen Forces'. For the situation in which we find ourselves today is more bizarre and far-reaching than the most imaginative science fiction novel. Millions of people of all ages are tuning into and receiving instructions from these spirit-entities. The question is: Are these 'Masters' or spirit-guides genuine discarnate spirits with an objective life of their own — fallen angels (demons) masquerading as angels of light and servants of righteousness (2 Cor.11:14-15)? Or are they illusory characters played by the powers of darkness onto the minds of the gullible? Or are they simply the far-fetched products of a diseased imagination? The latter idea can surely be dismissed, in the light of the vast similarities of experience amongst the huge number of individuals across the globe who engage in such Channelling. Insofar as the other two possibilities are concerned, whatever conclusion one reaches, the deception is clearly of satanic origin because of the occultic and antichristian direction in which the initiate is subsequently led. After careful consideration of all the data available, one can only come to the conclusion that the entire charade is being masterminded by the Evil One in opposition to God, as part of a global build-up to the founding of his illusory 'kingdom' on earth. The title 'Ascended Master' has been used deliberately by the powers of darkness to challenge the uniqueness of the Lord Jesus and to usurp His unrivalled status. We have the Lord's own word for it that '*No one has ascended to heaven but He who came down from heaven, that is, the Son of Man who is in heaven*' (Jn.3:13). So, whether or not these beings are real discarnate entities (disguised as 'angels of light') or merely illusory entities conjured up by the genuine spirit-entities referred to by Paul in Eph.6:11-13, they are certainly in no way 'ascended', but have been dredged up from the bowels of hell as one of the foul 'depths of Satan'.

The 'quantum leap' being generated by the Neo-Gnostics of today, which brings men and women into contact with such beings, represents a huge escalation in the spiritual battle which has been waged by Satan against his Creator from the commencement of world history, and in which we will all be involved. It is all part of an inexorable process in which the Church on earth will be wholly engulfed. Many will doubtless fall away, and the faith of many will be tested; but if believers are intelligently informed, the element of surprise will be greatly diminished and their sense of certainty in the overruling hand of God will prevail.

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<sup>1</sup> For an excellent discussion of the 'powers' in the Letter *Ephesians in Light of its Historical Setting* to the Ephesians, see Clinton E. Arnold, *Ephesians: (Cambridge University Press, 1989).*

<sup>2</sup> Alice B. Bailey, *Initiation: Human and Solar* (Lucis Press, 1922) pp.32-33.

- <sup>3</sup> Alice B. Bailey, *The Externalization of the Hierarchy* (Lucis Press, 1957), p.118.
- <sup>4</sup> J. Gordon Melton, *New Age Encyclopedia* (Gale Research, 1990), p.489.
- <sup>5</sup> Alice Bailey, *Initiation: Human and Solar* (Lucis Press, 1922), pp.55-62.
- <sup>6</sup> *A World Within a World: Transmissions from Russia on the Theory and Practice of Solar Light Radiations* (Neville Spearman/Findhorn, 1981), p.21. Sir George Trevelyan received the original manuscript anonymously and has written the foreword to this book.
- <sup>7</sup> For an enlightening book about UFOs and ETs written from an exclusively Christian perspective, see Clifford Wilson & John Weldon, *Close Encounters: A Better Explanation* (Master Books/CLP, 1978).
- <sup>8</sup> *Daily Telegraph*, July 6th, 1987.
- <sup>9</sup> John Rossner, *Toward Recovery of the Primordial Tradition*, Vol.II, Book 3: *The Psychic Roots of Ancient Wisdom and Primitive Christian Gnosis* (University Press of America, 1983), p.xiii.
- <sup>10</sup> Elizabeth Clare Prophet, *Jesus and Kuthumi: Prayer and Meditation* (Summit University Press, 1963), p.22, illustration.
- <sup>11</sup> Ibid.
- <sup>12</sup> Ibid.
- <sup>13</sup> Taken from a BBC Television *Everyman* documentary on Medjugorje, Sunday, February 8th, 1987, 2210 hrs.
- <sup>14</sup> Alice B. Bailey, *Initiation: Human and Solar* (Lucis Press, 1922), pp.60,61.
- <sup>15</sup> Ibid., pp.60-61. Adolf Hitler, having imbibed the occult literature, mistakenly saw himself in this role. His propagation of the Aryan ideal — based on a complete misreading of the esoteric prognostications — was a vain attempt at the 'founding of the new sixth sub-race'.
- <sup>16</sup> Ibid., pp.61-62.
- <sup>17</sup> Ibid., p.57.
- <sup>18</sup> Ibid., p.52.
- <sup>19</sup> John R. Hinnells (ed.), *The Penguin Dictionary of Religion* (Penguin, 1984), p.161.
- <sup>20</sup> Ibid., pp.162-164.
- <sup>21</sup> Ibid., p.198.
- <sup>22</sup> Ibid., p.58.
- <sup>23</sup> Ibid., p.294.
- <sup>24</sup> Augustine of Hippo, *Tractates on the Gospel According to St. John*, Tractate XXIX, §8.
- <sup>25</sup> Ken Carey, *The Starseed Transmissions* (Harper, 1982), p.18.
- <sup>26</sup> Ibid., pp.28-31.
- <sup>27</sup> John Randolph Price, *The Superbeings* (Quartus Books, 1981), pp.2-3.