

## Here or the Stars

I had no idea of what I was getting into when I first started this investigation of why people cannot get along. I don't mean to suggest that individuals do not get along for periods of time, yet the more people the greater the chance of breakdowns in relationships. Jealousy, envy, resentment, alienation, isolation, fear, anxiety, discouragement, frustration, etc. These feelings erode relationships to varying degrees, from casual arguments to outright warfare. I have always felt that it was a calling for me to discover the dynamic that created this dysfunction within humanity.

I write extensively about this, but it is very complex and subtle. So I had this need to come to some kind of resolution, if not factual, then at least in my imagination. I imagined that there are two types of humans. One type honors earth, our home. The other type seeks to depart from earth. The magnitude of differentiation appears synchronistic with the degree of technology that a group develops. Those of us who honor the earth appear to limit our dependency upon technology to some moderate level. Perhaps it is because we are strongly intimate with the history of human life and have paid attention to the terrible outcome that results from what the technological people call civilization. Rise and fall, usually with the total consumption of regional resources and the pollution of the local ecology. We people of earth have witnessed that those who seek to leave earth have no limits what-so-ever as to their technological goals, nor as to what they will do to achieve those goals. In our generation the drive to develop space travel dominates this type of human. Next goal? Mars, then deep space travel.

The advent of technology within the last so many thousands of years perhaps dates to our cultures all consuming drive to leave earth. In my imagination I form an image of space travelers that crashed on earth. Ever since then they have been seeking to harness humanity to get lift off, departure. To accomplish this they began to influence existing low-level technological human society with "miraculous" events. I see this occurring with the appearance of Thoth's contact with the Egyptians. I guess to the Egyptians Thoth appeared to be a "G-D." From this contact came the introduction of written language and math bringing about the increasing centralization of power through the building of monuments that draw upon the resources of a people. From applying the written hieroglyphics and math they formulated astronomy, architecture relating to celestial design such as the pyramids, the rapid evolution of warfare and its weapons, which they used to satisfy the requirement for obtaining the necessary physical resources to promote their culture. Today Western technology is focused on shooting not just weapons but for shooting for the stars.

While this imaginary creation suggests our two types of "humans" on earth, those who were here from the "beginning" who honor the earth, and those who accidentally "arrived", and seek to leave, it all may be just a manifestation of the basic principle that governs this earth, and that is the principle of duality. What comes together must be parted, and what is parted must come together. In humans this dynamic is deeply ingrained and I believe magnified by the degree of technological development of an individual culture's life style. It is these magnified affects of duality that are so destructive to the earth cultures and which threaten the life of all natural aspects of life.

I live in a highly advanced technological culture and the influence of the exaggerated state of duality is ripping apart my life, the life of those whom I love, and those beyond where ever our culture touches. The anecdote is diminished technology, yet the one's who govern this society are under the influence of those who are here "accidentally" and are increasingly

desperate to leave. Due to that they are under a compulsion to leave I am assuming that there may be some element of necessity that relates to their continued survival. Maybe this is the core of the drive for cryogenics and the preservation of the brain over an extended time frame. They are clearly blind in their total disregard for the affects of their influence on the original inhabitants of earth: plants, animals, and earth-humans. Or could it be that they know that their continued existence on earth is a threat to the earth itself, and if they do not manage to leave soon they will cause the life on earth's destruction. This may mean to them that they are doomed. Maybe, because they are from a different dimension their continued residency on earth is a poison, or a cancerous virus in its influence on earth's life forms. In that light, we all need to work together to get them off of earth as soon as possible, and the sooner they leave, the sooner the healing can begin. It's a kind of race. Can we get them off of earth before their efforts to leave destroys everything of value? Of course, they would have to come out into the open, and very likely humanity would not be able to cope, and being overwhelmed with the ancient fears of alien life, respond irrationally and cast the situation into hopeless chaos.

I personally have no problem with their need to leave. However, I have a problem with the concept of our survival until they are gone. Given this imaginary viewpoint hundreds of millions of humans have died from their existence. Given this construct that I am presenting, kind of like Science Fiction it could be that the plagues that sweep the earth and the massive wars are a result of their being here. People living too closely with increased means of transportation carry the plagues worldwide. The technology of mass destruction, so well demonstrated during the 20<sup>th</sup> Century have decimated huge populations. Weighing the benefits of technology against the damage it causes we're between a rock and a hard spot.

How to survive the increasing damage to earth and damage to humanity's ability to relate cooperatively is of the highest concern to me. It isn't a question of just my personal survival, for I live in context of my society. I can see easily that to live meaningfully and somewhat safely within the turbulent forces caused by their presence on earth requires me to strengthen myself on all levels of consciousness, from physical through spiritual. Awareness as to the cause of the dysfunction, a strategy to initially limit its affect, a means of coping with the stress, a vision of the future that allows increasing hope, and developing skills to bring that vision into our lives ever more fully is essential.

I readily admit that my imagination kind of freaks me out, yet it also provides me with the imagery to construct a livable illusion that provides me with the means to function more completely in my life and in my relationships with others. Duality is an apparent coherent in this reality. Duality governs our experience of life on earth. Life/death. Yet, that too is at least a partial illusion, for the duality is only two thirds of the reality. For example, initially man vs. woman. Yet man and women are two thirds of the whole. Their creation of the baby, the merging of duality, is the third part. This creates family, which is the combination of the three thirds, and so the duality while it continues to exist and influence our lives can now be influenced by the means of creating the third dimension. A good analogy is the shower. The duality exists in the hot and cold water. The third dimension exists in their combining together into warm water. While in our technological culture duality apparently is the coherent factor, yet it very possibly is in our believing that it is all that exists that creates our narrow view of existence; the circumstances within our lives. It is critical to image the fullness of life, in which duality is only a step in the direction of wholeness, as in the example of the creation of the baby that then translates into family, the foundation of humanity that is the actual coherent of life. No conflict in the fullness. In each step up, from the family to the community, the coherent operate as it does

when any conflict between two families diminishes when their children marry and the two families become an extended family. So too, when two communities are in conflict the intermarriage of their children create a larger form of family and the fullness again is reestablished.

Warfare is the life of frustration that emanates when emotions block the awareness of the fullness of the peaceful combining of Duality's parts. This is seen as when two countries instead of intermarrying through trade, enter into hostilities to force the dominance of one over the other. In this adherence to Duality one is ascendant and the other is diminished. This is the pathway of the destruction of life...where ever duality pervades, conflict surges forth, fostering the first steps in the disassembly of that culture's coherence, which then ripples down tearing communities apart, then families apart, and then individuals, alone, are unable to survive. It is a terrible disservice to life to allow reality to become under the absolute domain of duality.

Duality is a life form. When allowed to dominant it takes consciousness and dissolves it into ignorance. It undermines confidence. It tears apart cooperation. It creates its own self-serving value system that pervades all of those under its domain. Competition and individualism ascends over cooperation and community. The strong are valued and the weak are pitied and despised then ostracized. The old are thrown aside. The generations become conflictual, with none respectful of the other. Sharing and idealism is viewed as infantile. Dreams and Visions are denigrated. Intellect is praised over all other powers of the mind. Art is externalized and abstracted to the point of no longer being a part of one's daily life. Relationships become frustrating and frightening. Duality is the dissolving agent of meaningful harmonious relationships. When a culture becomes pervaded with duality, its life-term becomes increasingly terminal. To get stuck in duality is to prematurely age; the tragedy of completing the life cycle before regeneration completes. In order for life to continue the next generation must be born, and duality aborts that possibility. A culture commits suicide when it raises duality to rule its life. The sign of the pending death of a culture is its ascendance and dominance over other cultures. What is raised must fall. Life continues through sharing itself with the future. All parts of it must receive enough energy to function within the whole. The sign of a healthy culture is when the past and the present are cohesive and this cohesiveness generates the future. Merging elements generate a healthy flow for all of its parts. Duality is a sign of illness, where the past and the present are in conflict and that conflict prevents the fertilization for the generation of the future. Duality is a step in the process of maturity; it is not a destination. Moving through duality to the threesome of wholeness is necessary for life to continue to thrive.

Let's create a new word that encompasses the past, present and future with each being part of a whole, and let's call that whole, "Life." Life encompasses all parts of itself. Illness is when the parts start to no longer cohere. Duality is a serious illness. Healing this illness requires the connection of the disassociated part(s), and failure to bring the parts into coherence calls into being the end of life, what we call "death." Yet is not unbridled science the process through which it functions.

The goal of those who are seeking lift off is to control and then direct humanity's life force to the achievement of ever increasing technology so that they can combine the effort of the scientific community to develop the aspects of space travel. Thus the development of computers and all of the science that this takes to orbit satellites, the establishment of the space station, the current sending of satellites out to the planets, which will be followed by sending astronauts to Mars so that the science of maintaining humans in space can be developed. With this push the possibility of inter-stellar travel is on the horizon. It's a pattern. Once the technology is in place

those whose destiny is to travel back to the stars will complete their take-over of space travel and with lift-off, depart. Their departure will liberate us to focus on healing ourselves through the monumental effort of learning how to work together healing the earth, our mother, our home.

Imagination and Reality, the combination of both is like a breath of fresh air. Hope it is for you too.