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which they live. They, just like the reader, are trying to discover the presence of The Divine both in themselves and in Humanity all around them.

i In this book the Ramala Teachers make a wonderful analogy. They say that what is important is not the channel, who simply acts as a funnel, but is the energy that flows through the channel. When you are faced with the need to pour water from a large container into a small bottle you use a funnel, but what you are concerned about is not the funnel but is the pouring of the water into the bottle without spilling or wasting a single drop. When the water is safely in the bottle, then the funnel can be discarded, for it has served its purpose. In a similar fashion, therefore, you should discard both the instrument and the Ramala Teachers, for what is important is not the actual means of communication but is the energy that is imparted to you through the teachings. Indeed, we would go further and would say that what is important is not even the teachings, but is the response that they generate in you. So do not regard this book as an authority, as a bible, as a book of religious dogma to be freely quoted from in order to sustain a fixed point of view, but see it, rather, as a mirror, created to awaken in the reader his or her own spiritual knowingness.

The Ramala Teachers have always maintained that their purpose in sharing their wisdom and knowledge with us has been to lead us into a greater understanding of ourselves and of our own divine relationship with God. They have always tried to show us that what is important in life is not the world but is God that the world is but a manifestation of God, a drama enacted for us, so that we can discover the reality of ourselves and the reality of God. So many people in our world today have been seduced into a belief in the reality of the physical world and the unreality of God! They devote their precious lives and time to the pursuit of pleasure, to the accumulation of wealth and material possessions, often at the expense of their fellow human beings and of the fragile environment in which they live. Humanity has forgotten its divine origins. It has become, for the most part, ungodly, and you have only to look at the state of the world today to see the reality of such behaviour. We are heading towards a sociological and an ecological disaster.

This book, therefore, serves both as a warning and as an invitation to change. We can see only too clearly what we are doing both to each other and to the planet. So we must become more holistic, more holy, in our attitudes and behaviour. We must recognise the oneness of all life if

we are to survive both as a Race and as a planet. Humanity must face up to one important fact, namely, that no outside force, no benevolent God, no Messiah, is suddenly going to appear and save Humanity from the consequences of its own actions. Great beings have, and will, incarnate on the Earth to show the way, but it is Humanity alone that must save itself. Humanity must begin to take responsibility for its actions. Humanity must seek a new aspect of God, now that the old religious God is falling away. Humanity must discover the God within itself rather than an external God and, through prayer and meditation, must develop its inner link with the Source of all Life. Every individual must attune to their own spiritual knowingness and should act according to it.

The Ramala Teachers have always been reluctant to prophesy, except in very general terms, yet what few prophecies they have made have already proved to be correct. They say that the next twenty five years are years of great change, years when the world will change beyond our comprehension. For not only is the Zodiacal Age changing from Pisces to Aquarius but the planet and Humanity on it is moving onto a new spiral of cosmic evolution. That period of human experience sometimes known as The Golden Age, and which is foretold in many esoteric traditions, will soon be upon us. Only a small percentage of Humanity will be privileged to incarnate in this Age. So it is our actions now in thought, word and deed that will determine our right to participate in this Age. Very little time is left before earth-shattering events will occur which will change the very nature of our planet, when the world as we know it will change completely. Old values, old institutions, old beliefs, will disappear and only the soul that is open to transformation will survive.

C So in this book the Ramala Teachers are offering us a blueprint for human transformation. The last channelling in the book, which was received on June 11th 1989, can be said to encapsulate the essence of the Ramala teachings. It took many people, including ourselves, by surprise, but it had the desired effect of making us realise how often in the past we had ignored the exhortations of the Ramala Teachers, believing that time was on our side. No matter what happens now, we cannot say that we did not know, that we had not been warned! The Ramala Teachers have placed our lives in perspective with the Age in which we live and have offered us their vision of the future. It is now up to us to decide on the reality and correctness of that vision and whether or not we wish to heed it. If we do, then we must concern ourselves

with the three other Kingdoms of Matter, who are subject to your will in this particular cycle of the evolutionary pattern of the Earth.

As you look at the state of your world today you can see that Humanity is approaching a time of crisis, of crisis not only in the field of human relationships but also in the field of relationships with the planet. On the one hand Humanity is faced with the choice of whether or not to exterminate itself in a great nuclear holocaust, either by accident or by design, a disaster, incidentally, in which only a minute proportion of the Human Race will be involved. Nevertheless, that minute proportion feels that it has the right to play around with the destiny of the planet and of the millions of human beings that dwell upon it without even consulting them! On the other hand Humanity is faced with the imminent destruction of the planet's environment through wrong relationships with the Kingdoms of Matter to the extent that Mother Earth has become so polluted that she now threatens to turn against the Human Race that dwells upon her being.

Humanity, therefore, has yet to learn the lesson of right relationship. Let us consider, for a moment, what lies at the foundations of right relationship. What should be the basis not only of your relationship with your fellow human beings but of the Human Race as a whole with the other Kingdoms of Matter? Do you have a model, a perfect example, of right relationship, upon which you can base your own relationships? The answer to that question is, of course, 'Yes', but only if you yourself have established a right relationship with your Creator. It is through the understanding of that primary link, of your divine spirit with your Creator, that there comes a true understanding of right relationship. Unless you are aware of the true nature of that link and of what is involved in it, and of the energy that pulsates between you and your Creator, then you cannot establish right relationship with any being or any thing on any level. Now the divine energy which links you to your Creator is love, and when I talk of love be aware that I am not talking of human, emotional or psychological love, but of divine love, that energy which links the Cosmos in one great Plan, in one great Design. It is that bond of love, the true nature of which you can only just begin to visualise as you discover and understand your own relationship with God.

Let us consider the reality of that relationship. That Being Who created you has imbued you with Its spirit. It has sacrificed a part of Itself, the most sacred part of Itself, in order to give you individualised life and to enable you to follow your own evolutionary pattern. It has

given you mind with which to explore the nature of spirit. It has given you free choice to choose the nature of your evolutionary pattern and, above all, It has surrounded you with Its divine love, a love that does not judge, a love that is always present to uplift you no matter what you do, no matter how you take Its name in vain, a love that forgives without you even having to ask for forgiveness, a love that gives to you continually every second of your life, requiring nothing in return, no matter whether you respond or not. That divine love is always present. It is always there for you to tap into just by closing your eyes and attuning to the Source of all Life which gave you life. Recognise that your Creator has provided this planet for you and the means to enjoy life upon it. It has given you dominion over the three Kingdoms of Matter that dwell on the planet to help you to fulfil your evolutionary pattern. It has given you the angelic beings for guidance and the elemental beings for service. All of this is placed in your hands, together with the freedom to be whatever you wish to be. So the real basis of a divine relationship is the spirit of sacrifice, one which recognises the evolutionary growth of the human spirit as being of supreme importance.

Recognise that you are placed on the Earth imbued with all the qualities of your Creator. Recognise that you, too, are divine. There beats within your heart that spark of spirit which links you eternally to the Creator of all Life, that is indeed a part of your Creator's Spirit, for you are gods in the making. This divine relationship should be the model for your relationships with all your fellow human beings. Recognise that the nature of your evolutionary pattern is decided by how you yourself relate. You do not evolve by living in isolation. The evolutionary process only begins when you relate to your fellow human beings and to the Kingdoms of Matter around you. You discover the nature of your own being through relationship. The way you meet and relate with your fellow human beings, the way you treat the three Kingdoms of Matter, are but mirrors of your own being. They help you to know yourself, to recognise the aspect of God in you, the divine spirit that should direct every aspect of your being and motivate every action.

Right relationship, therefore, as with the Godhead so with the Human Race, is based on love. The energy of this Earth is sacrificial service in love. This is not the human love of attraction, of possession and retention. It is a free love, a love given and offered freely no matter what the cost. It is a love that forgives no matter what is done. This,

then, is the role model that you have to compare with your own relationships of man to man, woman to woman, husband to wife, brother to sister, family to family, country to country and so on. This is the model that you have beating within your heart. Be aware that those souls who have not established a correct relationship with the Creator, who have not sought that higher union, will find it difficult to establish the lesser union with their fellow human beings. But for those who are aware of the divine link within them, there is available a wonderful and infinite opportunity to assess the true nature of their own human relationships.

Remember the great cosmic truth: do unto others as you would have others do unto you, and so relate with others as you would have others relate with you. That is one of the primary Laws of the Cosmos, how you relate with the world around you determines the nature of your karma, whether it be good or bad. That which you sow with love comes back as goodness. That which you sow with hatred comes back as evil, remembering that 'evil' is just 'live' spelt backwards, or life in reverse. In the Law of Karma there is no punishment, only the return of what which you have sowed. The degree of what you have sowed depends upon your soul consciousness. The greater the soul consciousness, the greater the ability to sow and reap and so the greater the return. Therefore be aware of the nature of your responsibility in this respect.

Remember that it matters not what others do and say to you. It is only what you do and say that is recorded in your account in the great Akashic Record of this Earth. It is only how you respond, how you think and how you behave in any relationship, for which you are accountable to the Lords of Karma. So no matter what is directed against you in any relationship, no matter what emotions, what thoughtforms, what acts of physical violence, always remember the fact. It is how you respond that governs your karma. Remember that the lesson of this planet is sacrificial service in love. Remember that it is how you behave that determines the nature of your evolutionary lessons.

All the great Masters who have walked the face of this planet have taught and demonstrated one truth, namely, that dying is but a beginning. If you are threatened, you do not have to threaten back. If someone is trying to kill you, you do not have to kill them first. There is a greater Law that governs all things. There is a greater reward for those who give freely of their divine love in human relationships. Because of the nature of the world in which you live today you have

been conditioned to live solely through your five senses. You are, sensory beings, yet so much of your sensory contact has been cut off. You dwell in the so-called civilised world of the West, where your physical existence is either mechanised or computerised, a state of automatism, removed from the reality of life. You have been cut off from the reality of the sacrifice necessary to give you life, of the energy that has gone into your physical creation, energy that you take for granted. You have forgotten the true nature of right relationship. Let us take one little example, the relationship between disease and healing today, and you will see the point that I am trying to make.

If you fall ill today most of you will go to see a doctor very quickly. That doctor will probably give you some medicine and you will then sit at home and expect the medicine to cure you. But what of your relationship in that healing process? If you were not living in the Western World, with its easily accessible medical practitioners and drugs, and you became ill, you would have to seek the wisdom and the treatment of a very different kind of healer. You would then have to spend time in relationship with that person. He or she would have to look at your whole character and to assess the soul nature of your illness, the nature of your physical being, how best to help you, and decide on what was the appropriate herb or form of treatment that would bring about healing. All of this would take time and would demand relationship. But all of that has slipped away in your modern world.

Now most people in your world today have lost the art of right relationship. They relate only when they have to or when they think they need to. They relate only when there is something in it for them, when there is some benefit to be gained or when pleasure demands that a relationship should continue. But that is not the reality of human relationships. That is not the meaning behind the parable in the Bible of the Samaritan who stopped to help the man who was robbed, beaten and left for dead on that road to Jericho. You have to learn humility. You have to learn that every human being is part of the same Race, the Human Race, and that you have to sacrifice to the whole Race. You have to learn that every being that dwells on this plane of Earth is worthy of your sacrifice, of your divine love, of your giving. That is why you are on this planet. That is why you are facing this time of crisis. That is why you are here in incarnation on the Earth at this time.

Now having said all of that, do not think that I am saying you should ignore your own intuitive feelings, your own personal insights. Noah had his visions and built his ark of survival on the strength of them. Any feeling, any vision, that comes to you directly from the Godhead is worthy of your highest attention. Such divine messages are designed to keep you upon your destiny path and to help in the transformation of your spiritual being. There is no need to consult cards, to visit mediums, to seek the advice of people with psychic talents who in all probability are less evolved souls than you. You have nothing to fear in life but yourself, and by that I mean your own weaknesses. Daily attunements to the Godhead, which consciously seek to align yourself to the force of God in order to provide the safest and purest form of guidance.

Q: I recently came in contact with a group of people who call themselves 'immortalists'. Their aim in life is to make death avoidable by the transformation of their physical bodies, using various techniques, so that they can live much longer lives. I would like to know firstly, is such a thing feasible and, secondly, is it desirable?

ZT: It is a fact that great Masters can restructure their physical bodies at will and can live for as long as they so choose on the plane of physicality. This means that they can decide when they want to die! They have the knowledge to do this. I can tell you that there are such beings amongst you right now who have lived on the Earth for over a hundred years. However let us understand that such beings are 'normal' souls and by this I mean that they are separate from the evolutionary pattern and that they incarnate on the Earth to fulfil a very high cosmic plan. Both they and the work that they do are hidden, for the most part, from the public view. But they do appear at moments of crisis in human evolution and influence the course of events. Very few souls are aware of their presence and even fewer have had the privilege of actually meeting them on the physical level. They are often found in the remote areas of the world, such as the Himalayas.

There is, of course, another way in which physical life can be prolonged and that is by the transference of the spirit from one physical body to another. By this I mean that the spirit leaves a body which is decaying or dying and takes over a younger, more healthy body in order to continue with its work on the Earth. This is only done with the agreement of both the souls on the higher levels of life. So in this case the life of the physical body is not prolonged, the body is

replaced by another one. Only the soul manifestation remains the same. Many spirits on the Earth at present that have done this in order to carry on work vital to Humanity's evolutionary pattern. The nature of the spirit that would perform such an act is one that has transcended death, who has evolved beyond the school of life on Earth and their reason for so doing is never for the individual but always for the good of the Human Race or of the planet. It is not an unevolved soul who would seek to prolong life in order to avoid death. After all, where is your true home? Is it on the Earth or on other planes of life? Although life on the Earth is a great experience for the soul that has evolved beyond the lessons of this school, return to the Earth is a great sacrifice! You can never avoid death except by transcending it and by this I mean that you are aware of the cosmic process of death and dying on every level of existence. To put it in more simple terms, it means dying to each moment of your life, dying to the second of time that has just passed, living the present moment in time as the only time. The only reason for prolonging human life is to fulfil the will of your Creator, to sacrifice the self in service to the good of the whole. Self-preservation or self-will does not enter into it at all. I would say that for all of you, at your points of soul evolution, death is the greatest gift that your Creator can bestow upon you. If you would find living to, shall we say, even one hundred and fifty years of age, a burden too heavy to bear. Life, without the consciousness to live it correctly, can be very painful, as most of the people here know. Could you handle the suffering that is going on in this world now for another hundred years? If you did but know it, death is the great release, death is rebirth, death is life, death is the return to your real family, the family of God. Truly, if there was such a hell as hell, it would be to condemn an unknowing soul to eternal life on the plane of Earth.

the world. If you can tune into your soul body, if you can make manifest, if you can make the true nature of your being resonate Earth and release your body consciousness, then you, too, will have light to follow in the darkness that is to come. You, too, will have upon the plane of Earth an understanding of the Heavens.

Consider, therefore, this Easter, where you stand. Consider the path you are going to walk. Consider the nature of your consciousness and of all that goes with it, both in your everyday life in your relationships with all those people around you. Consider the nature of your soul consciousness. Consider how it has formed and shaped your life. Consider the eternal promise that has been made which is always honoured. Consider the link that lies within you, the link which in your darkest moments you always turn. When you need help, your God is there. But when the Earth needs help, where are you? What can you do?

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Q: I would like to ask you to share with us concerning the nature of your relationship with us and with God, to place yourself in a new perspective, so to speak!

ZT: I, like you, am a soul, on a path of self-discovery, on a path to discover the reality of the God in me. I, like you, have a relationship with God. I, like you, am simply playing my part in the evolutionary pattern of this Earth, in what is sometimes called the drama of life. I, therefore, am but an instrument. I am an intermediary, not the Source. I belong to one of the many spiritual hierarchies which exist on the higher planes of life. In just the same way that you have spiritual organisations on the Earth, such as the various Churches, there are spiritual organisations on the higher planes of life too. But we would hasten to add are fallible! Each one of us in these spiritual hierarchies fulfils our part in the divine cycle according to our spiritual understanding, our point of soul consciousness, and the role which we are destined to play. We can only teach you of our understanding of life, according to our point of soul consciousness. We can only give you prophecy from our observation of the auric pattern of the Earth and the individual souls for whom we are responsible.

Our purpose in communicating with you in this way is to help you and the soul group of which you are a part to walk your evolutionary

smoothly and to further the Divine Plan for this Earth. Since we are encapsulated in sensory bodies, since we are not bound by the same laws as you, we have a more holistic view of the Earth and of its evolutionary pattern than you. We are permitted to look into parts of the record of the Earth and to see what has been and what is to be. You, however, are the servants of the one God, and we serve that God by serving you just as you, in your turn, serve your God by serving the people with whom you enter into relationship during your lives.

At all times of communication it should be remembered, because we are not the Source, that everything that we say must be carefully considered before being acted upon. You must always use your God-given powers of discrimination. We would insist that nothing that we say is ever taken as the truth, just because it comes from our side of life. In the same way that you would not blindly accept something that the Archbishop of Canterbury or the Pope of Rome was to say, just because of the nature of their office, so you should not accept our understanding just because we speak to you from the higher planes of life. We ask you to walk your path in life just as you would help us if our roles were reversed. We are all part of the one Race, the Human Race, no matter whether we be incarnate or discarnate.

Q: Most of us are only too aware of how to develop our body consciousness, but what would be your advice to us at this time on how to develop and strengthen our soul consciousness?

ZT: Obviously, as you are all unique individuals, each and every human being will walk a different path but the first, and the universal, step is to be aware of the existence of your soul consciousness and to realise that it is something which is both real and tangible and, indeed, is already a part of you. In essence, though, it is union with the Godhead which brings about union with the soul. You cannot contact your soul unless you have contact with God. It is the desire for God that creates the desire for the soul. There is a difference between spirit and soul. Soul can be described as the memory of spirit and spirit is the universal link that is within each and every human being. Spirit links you to the Godhead. It is, so to speak, your telephone line to God and it is by using that line, by being open to the message that comes down that the link, that you become aware of your soul consciousness and of its impact upon your life.

However the Church today does not live its Teachings. The Church put it another way, is not soul conscious but is body conscious. Therefore as I look into the future I do not see the Church transformed but, rather, transmuted.

Q: When you speak of what is to come, do you really see the future are you not remembering the past and because the cycle repeats projecting that as the future?

ZT: I would say that the future – and by the future I mean that you have not yet experienced in your earthly bodies in this life – exists on another level of being and that those who are not in earthly bodies, who are not limited by body consciousness, are according to their spiritual point of consciousness, able to tap in, interpret it and then share it with those who live on the physical plane of Earth. Now if that seems a little complicated, let me give you a simple analogy! Let us suppose that the Akashic Record of Humanity and by that I mean the total record of human evolution past, present and future – was the Bible. Each of you, as individuals, according to your scholarly and soul ability, would read and interpret the Bible. Some would read the Bible and would accept its contents as literal. Others would see the Bible as a parable, as a means to an end, a deeper realisation of God. Others would go deeper still and would interpret it in the context of other 'Bibles', of other Races, of other Galaxies. Each of you would interpret the Akashic Record according to your own level of consciousness and it would be your understanding that you are passing on.

Therefore be aware that when I prophesy I am doing just that, tapping into the Akashic Record and am passing on my understanding of it to you. I do not and can not see or understand beyond my own level of consciousness. The same is as true for you as it is for me. You tap into the Akashic Record to different degrees, on different levels, that is why there are so many visions of past, present and future. That is why so many people lead a different life whilst living in the same dimension of time. Every level of consciousness demands a different level of life. No matter what you see in any vision, if your soul is not touched by it then you will not respond, you will not identify with the vision. When I prophesy to you, all that I am seeking to do is to awaken knowledge that is already within you so that you may know it as part of your being and live it.

THE GIFT OF DARKNESS

At a particular time in the cycle of human evolution Humanity has been given the divine gift of free choice. The Human Race evolves through the nature of its choices. Let me say, at the very beginning, that the Human Race does not have free will. It only has free will to do the Will of God. Everything that manifests on the physical plane of Earth is the Will of your Creator. Earth, therefore, is simply a school of evolution and you have been given the gift of free choice to evolve yourselves whilst you are in this school. Now it is up to you how you make your choices. You can choose Light or Darkness, Goodness or Evil, Joy or Sorrow, Pleasure or Pain, to create your life in your Creator's image or in your own image. The choice is always yours, but I want you to recognise that both of the choices are the gifts of your Creator. They are the tools of learning given to you in order to help you along your evolutionary path. Goodness is no better than evil, pleasure is no better than pain and light is no better than darkness, for they are all the gifts of your Creator. They all play a vital and necessary part in this school of evolution called Earth.

Now it is difficult for many people to understand that Darkness is part of the creation of their Creator. You may say that Humanity creates its own darkness. This, to a certain extent, is true, just as Humanity creates its own light, but the greater part of Light and Darkness conforms to a cosmic cycle of evolution. Now is not the time to go into the nature or the purpose of this cycle, of the reason for the biological and divine influences which initiate cycles that are beyond the comprehension of your spiritual consciousness. Let us just accept that these cosmic cycles do occur and that they have a profound influence upon the plane of Earth. As these cosmic forces touch the Earth so they initiate cycles of Light and Darkness, or should I say apparent Light and apparent Darkness, in order to evolve the spirit of Humanity. As you look back at the history of Humanity you can indeed see the Golden Ages, the Ages of Light which have existed, just as

much as you can read of the Dark Ages, the Ages of Darkness that existed. If you possess certain psychic abilities you may also recall the splendours of Atlantis and Lemuria, the moments of high spirit just as you will also recall the destruction of those civilisations brought about by the degraded behaviour of the people of that time. Such events are necessary and, indeed, are destined events.

Darkness, therefore, presents Humanity with one great opportunity to focus on Light, for indeed if there were not Darkness how would you recognise Light? If you enter a room which is in complete darkness and someone lights a candle in that room, then almost inevitably you are drawn to focus your attention on that light, until it becomes the most important thing in your life. On the physical plane of Earth too it is always in times of great Darkness that a great Light becomes manifest upon which the Human Race can focus and from which it can draw inspiration. It is in this way that Humanity is led more fully into the Light. So it is the case that prophets, messiahs, great beings of the Cosmic World, do incarnate on the Earth in times of great Darkness to present to Humanity the greatest lesson of its being and to lead Humanity forth into a New Age, into a new cosmic cycle. As a child comes forth into the light from the darkness of the womb, so recall that Darkness is a time of creativity. All things grow in the darkness; from Darkness comes birth, comes new life, comes Light. Therefore do not be oppressed by Darkness. Recognise it as a necessary part of human evolution.

Now I know that for you who are undoubtedly living in a time of Darkness, life can become a depressing affair, but only if you are not aware of the Light. If you concentrate only on the Darkness in the world, on the lower aspects of Humanity, on the wrong human relationships, on the physical tragedies, on the wars and the diseases, on the greed and the poverty, on the money wasted on armaments and the development of weapons so hideous that they defile the very face of the sacred Earth upon which you dwell, then you have every right to be concerned. But remember what is the inherent nature of Light, and the fact that Light is always present even in the Darkness. Consider when you meditate, even though you may be surrounded by Darkness, even though you may be threatened with death, when you close your eyes and go into the stillness of your inner being, is there not a Light there more powerful than you have ever seen with your physical eyes? Is not that source, that light, always open to you? So where is the Darkness and what is the cause of your concern?

Therefore, the true nature of Darkness. It is an outer, physical thing, and is not of the inner planes, for your spirit does not dwell in Darkness. It is only your personality, the little ego self, that is afraid and fears the Darkness that is around it. Darkness cannot oppress the spirit. Darkness cannot oppress and mislead the spirit. It is only a possession of the ego self. Now, of course, whilst you are in physical incarnation on the Earth you have to express yourself through a physical body and a physical personality, but they are but vehicles of expression, the servants of the true you. The purpose of the cycles of Darkness is to help you to turn your attention upon the Light where your spirit self dwells, for in previous incarnations all of you have lived in times of Light and have either used or ignored that great gift.

In your souls even now is the memory of cycles of Light, of lives when you were divinely inspired, when your actions were always divinely motivated, when you walked hand in hand with the angels, when higher guidance was always available to you, when you had only to look at a great Master to know the course of action that you should take. In such lives you possessed great spiritual talents. You could travel to the very boundaries of space simply by closing your eyes and going within. You possessed powers, powers even greater than the powers of your nuclear technology today. But as that cycle of Light slowly gave way to a cycle of Darkness so you began to use those cosmic powers not for divine creation but for human egocentric creation.

Now that is not to say that, in the beginning, you used those powers wrongly, to create and direct evil against other human beings but, rather, that you used them simply to fulfil the will of the ego self rather than the spiritual self. You used those powers to create pleasure, possessions and wealth for the ego self, and as you created for the self, by using the divine gift of free choice, you began to create not in God's image but in your own image. You began to fulfil not God's Plan but your plan. Eventually, as the cycle continued further, you began to use those powers against other people, to the detriment of your fellow human beings and the other Kingdoms of Matter. So you began to enter into a period of Darkness, a period when the Light was withdrawn, when Humanity had to struggle to live with its own choices, to make and create its own world, so that those who lived in that period could clearly see what was the reality of human creation as opposed to divine creation.

It would be true to say that you are now living in an Age of Darkness, but I can tell you that an even greater Darkness is still to come, for you will see unleashed across the face of this Earth the supreme example of Man's egoism: the destruction of life for purely selfish and ideological ends in order to create a world that the vast mass of Humanity neither wants nor needs. When that happens it will indeed be a time of Darkness, but recognise that it is a time when you have all chosen your experience. No-one is here by chance. Every one of you present on Earth at this time has chosen this present incarnation with great care. You have chosen to be on the Earth at this time because it offers you the supreme lesson and that supreme lesson is to exercise the divine gift of free choice in these most demanding times with correct spiritual motivation. It is to search for the Light in the Darkness. It is to know that there is nothing to fear in the Darkness provided you focus on the Light and that it is by such a focus, by such a concentration, by such an attunement, that you will set the pattern of your spiritual evolution for many lives to come. The events of this time will create within you a deep memory of that choice of Light and what it means to the spirit.

Now it is difficult, I know, at this particular time in which you live to attune to the Light. Each day, many of you consciously seek your Creator, seek the counsel and the wisdom of the great Masters, yet is it not the case that you often feel that your prayers are not answered, that you are continually faced with major problems in your life, that the pattern of your life does not unfold according to your wishes and your inner desires? Even the great spiritual Masters present on the Earth at this time seem to conflict as they offer differing opinions as to the nature of human evolution and what is the path to salvation. The religions, which have become irreligious and create conflict not only between each other but also amongst their own followers. It is difficult for you to know what is the path to God and what is the nature of Light in this Age of Darkness. Let me, however, relate a little story to you in order to show you the reality of the presence of the Light.

This instrument through whom I speak was concerned, before he came into this sanctuary tonight, at the imbalanced state of his being, having only just returned from Canada where he had been on holiday for a fortnight. He felt it wise to attune to his Creator before acting as a channel for this talk, because he was uncertain as to the nature of the talk to be given, whether indeed such a talk should be given at all, and whether the energy present in his being would support such a talk. He sat down in this sanctuary in physical darkness, filled with doubt,

his own darkness. However, within five minutes of him beginning a process of attunement, there was a Light present within him which not only gave him the title of this talk and a rough outline of its content, but also told him the nature of the people who would be present at it. Such is the response of Light to Darkness! All that was required was a stillness within, a concentration of attention on that inner Light, without any preconceptions as to what the answer should be, without any desire that an answer should come at all and, finally, when the Light came, the humble acceptance that what was to be said was appropriate for those present here this evening.

Now my instrument is no special being and the example that I have just given could have happened to any one of you. It is in the stillness of your hearts, in the total open-mindedness, without any preconditions as to what comes to you, and the humble acceptance of it when it does come, that the real nature of divine guidance lies. That is the Light in your Darkness. That is the Light to which you must turn if you are to survive the Darkness, and by survive I do not mean physically but, rather, to overcome the apparent restrictions of the Darkness that is around you. There is a Light within your being that can illuminate any Darkness. So Darkness can be seen as a gift from your Creator to help you to find your Light, and the greater the Darkness the greater is the opportunity, the greater is the need, to search for that Light.

The Light of your being is within you. It is your birthright to walk hand in hand with that Light. It can give you the answer to any question that you might ask, provided you are open to it. You must not judge it, neither must you prejudge it. You have only to listen humbly to it. Of course the ego self desires this and seeks that, wishes to follow a certain course of action and sets conditions on the nature of your being, but that is not the Light. That is the outer surface around the inner Light. Within you all is a Light that can transform you. So be thankful for the Darkness. See it as a gift from your Creator just as valuable as is the gift of Light. There is no need to judge Darkness. There is no need to oppose it, merely to observe it, and from that observation you will be led into the Light.

As evolved souls you are aware of what constitutes Darkness. Darkness is anything that oppresses and misleads the spirit of humanity. It is an aware soul that can learn the great lessons of life by observing Darkness, that can understand the reason and accept the need for Darkness, for nothing on this Earth happens without reason. The most hideous atrocity, the most degrading disease, the most evil

you simply have to show your Light. It is your example that transforms others. It is your sacrifice that will create an even light. So always focus upon the Light, never on the Darkness.

Q: When you are faced with a constant presence of evil which to the weakness of the spirit of the person concerned, what can you do about that? What should you do when you shine your light onto them but they are not capable of responding?

ZT: Firstly, you should understand that it is not the spirit that is the cause of evil. It is your person, your manifestation and your soul, the memory of spirit, with its record of events of your past lives, that is the cause of evil behaviour. You can be compared to your physical brain which, as you well know, records every second of your conscious life. So your behaviour is, to a large extent, governed by your own reactions to the life you have experienced so far, to the conditioning of your parents, teachers, your friends and the social society in which you have lived. You are, so to speak, always living in memory! In just the same way, your behaviour today is also subject to the conditioning of your past lives. Let me give you a very simple example.

If you had suffered a violent and seemingly unjust death in your past life, let us say you were wrongly convicted of murder and were hanged for something that you did not do, your soul would continue to be making a strong impression on your mind in this life, firstly to ensure that you did not place yourself in a situation where the same thing could happen to you again and, secondly, to seek redress for the suffering that you had experienced in that previous life. So you would find that, on an unconscious level anyway, you did not trust people very easily, that you were always creating barriers to protect yourself that you were quite a violent person when threatened and that you had very strong feelings about crime and punishment. You would also have instinctive feelings of dislike for the souls of the people who had done this thing to you, were you to meet them again in this life.

However, all these responses would be from your soul, not from your spirit, which is a part of Infinite Spirit and, as such, is pure and holy. It is the soul which 'remembers' and which demands and creates situations or tests in your subsequent lives in order to transmute the karma of such events. Now, to return to your question, I have to say to you that it is not your responsibility to transform any so-called person. Any such transformation has to be initiated and carried through

by the person themselves. All that you can do is to be a mirror of their transformation, to help them to see themselves in the mirror of your Light and your right behaviour. Moreover, if you are constantly faced with an evil being, as you imply, then it is because on another level you have asked for this test. It is the magnetic attraction of your Light that is drawing this person to you. Now this can either be because you have agreed, on a soul level anyway, to help this person, or because you need to learn the lesson of how to handle evil. Whatever is the reason, the situation will continue to test you until you handle it from your point of soul-consciousness.

Whilst I understand what you are saying, I find the concept of dealing with evil very difficult to put into action, if only because to me it seems like a lack of giving in to evil.

Let me give you one other example, then, to illustrate my point. Several centuries ago there was a spiritual Master living in France. His lifestyle and teachings were pure and holy. He was, however, persecuted by the Catholic Inquisition and was tortured most horribly in order to persuade him to renounce his point of consciousness and so to disillusion the many people who followed him. This he steadfastly refused to do and so he was sentenced to death by being burned at the stake. Naturally, he was very aware of the priest who had been responsible for his arrest, interrogation, torture and sentence. This man came to watch his death at the stake, and as he died in the flames, being a wise soul, a true Master, he not only forgave that priest for what he had done but he also made a mental resolution, in the form of a prayer to his God, that he would like to come back in another life in order to try to help this lost soul to see more clearly the true nature of God's love. He truly held no feelings of revenge or hostility towards his persecutor, only the desire to help him. His prayer was, of course, answered and in another life that priest came back as the Master's son, and the Master taught him of the true nature of God's love to the highest of his understanding and thus helped to bring about the transformation of that being's soul.

Here, then, we have a great example of how Light can transform Darkness, of how evil was transformed by sacrificing to it rather than resisting it, by love rather than by might or will. It all depends on your attitude towards evil. If you see it as a malevolent force and are afraid of it, then if it hurts you, you want revenge upon it. If, however, you recognise it for what it really is, namely an aspect of God