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ANSWER: There is much going on in your world today. Both in terms of traditional, historical evolution—in psychology, in business, in society, in terms of national politics, etc. And there is also much going on in terms of what could only be called individual regeneration, or what could also be called, spiritual growth. As the book table over here attests, there are many things being said, many things relative to changes coming. All the way from earth changes to societal changes to changes in the manner of personal relationships.

The great variety and the broad spectrum of the kinds of changes addressed can tend to be overwhelming. And that is not the point. And so, it is important today to direct your attention to what the essential element of this transformation is, because each of you will be participants in the changes. And it is important for you not to wait for the changes to happen so that you can quickly react and respond hopefully appropriately.

The changes externally are happening because of the maturing process which is going on in individual mankind. Even though that inner shifting is not being generally broadcast—it is not hitting the newspapers or the news media—and so it is in effect going on underground in terms of publicity. But it is very much being felt by individuals. So it is not an external change which you will have to accommodate, it is an internal change which is already occurring which is manifesting itself as, is always the way, externally.

Now, the essential element of this change is Love. Don't be surprised that that which is going to generate the process of waking up to Reality is something as old as the hills. Don't be surprised that it isn't something shocking or radically new. But also because you have heard of love before, don't assume that it is something you have under your belt. Because the capacity to love involves far more than you have yet experienced. It will be your increasing capacity to love unconditionally that is going to bring about the transformations that are inherent in waking up.

Unconditional love is not really hard. But because of the way that you have been conditioned, it seems to you to be very difficult because you have to set aside so much firm belief in what is right and what is wrong.

It is very important, as I indicated to Paul, to keep your feet on the ground and your head not too far away. This means, that when radical idealism is recognized and then internalized it must come out as a practical regenerative aspect of the life you are living with your feet on the ground. And so, if radical idealism does not become translated into realism it is useless and constitutes an ongoing part of your ignorance of your divinity, it keeps you bound and does not constitute the freedom that you associate with enlightenment.

Now this is an extremely important point to understand so that you do not become ungrounded in your process of Awakening. Your capacity to love is your capacity to recognize what is divinely Real in each and everything you are confronted with. This means you are called upon to look at that which is unlovely, unlovable and get past what is unlovable about it so that you can connect with that which is essentially and divinely Real underneath it. This is why you are advised to have, or BE unconditional love.

Unconditional doesn't mean saying, "Okay, you can all do anything you want to do and I won't be distressed with it." Unconditional love means that you let down the conditions that you impose upon your perception that blocks you from perceiving that which is essentially divine in each and everything you see. It is you letting down your resistance to seeing the Truth right where the illusion seems to be going on. This is bringing radical idealism into practical realism. It's work! Not divinely speaking, but you will find that each of you wants to hold on to the belief structures that say, "I can't love the unlovable. I cannot love the ugly. I cannot love the unloving behavior. I cannot love a person who is expressing those attitudes. I cannot love a country that insists upon war as the main money making machine to keep the economy going," etc.

You are the one providing the conditioning that keeps your love from being unconditional. And by energizing that conditioning you are blocking yourself from recognizing in your heart that which is essentially divine and is underlying these manifestations of ego beliefs and mindsets. You are not going to be able to get past the manifestations of ego beliefs if you let those ego beliefs justify your withdrawal from your willingness to recognize the essential underlying divinity that has to be there in order for an ego sense to seem to be operating.

There is nothing wishy-washy about love, especially when you have the conditioning that you are operating under, because it takes insistence upon cutting through your unwillingness to hang in there in the presence of opposition and not join the opposition in their point of view that says, "I must behave in the way I'm behaving, because things are the way I see them, and I am an ego, and I am in a world full of egos, and therefore it is essential for me to be defensive."

Your idealism, your recognition that there has to be something essentially Real, with a capital "R", right there where this one seems to be coming at you out of an ego place, is what can serve as the basis for your not joining with that ego

and strengthening it. And rather being the presence of that which is nondefensive, unconditional, and which allows that one who's coming from an ego place to say, "Maybe I don't have to look at things the way I'm looking at them. Maybe with this individual I can dare to be defenseless."

Idealism only becomes realism right where you are. So don't assume that because mankind is entering into a major shift of consciousness, or that there are major earth changes, or that because there is going to be an economic upset, etc., that all of a sudden all of the rules have gone out the window and intelligence is not required. It is when things become less stable that your insistence upon bringing your radical idealism into practical realism has the best chance of succeeding. And so, do not be frightened because changes are coming. But see that the defense against change is less strong, and therefore your insistence upon radical idealism is more assured of success than it can be when these structures are strong and secure and heavily guarded.

Your Awakening is going to relate to where you are. Right here! Even though in the process your experience of it will be transformed beyond anything you can currently imagine from within the egos frame of reference. And love is the essential element to that transformation.

QUESTION: Raj, for quite some time I've been having periods of, I guess it would be best termed as anticipation. At times when I'm having a quiet time, or reading and becoming introspective, it's a feeling that causes me to just kind of relax and close my eyes and feel like there is something on the brink of happening. It's like having something on the tip of your tongue, but not being able to say it. And that's the feeling I get. And I'm curious as to just what is going on.

ANSWER: In Biblical terms, it has been spoken of as the "quickening of the Spirit" in a man. There is a quickening of the Spirit in the world. Therefore, it is a quickening of the Spirit in the majority of individuals on your planet. When you are allowing yourself to settle out of the surface racket of the ego level of consciousness, you move into a quieter place where you are able to be sensitive to this quickening of the Spirit—this quickening of awareness.

Can I say that Being, with a capital "B", is a matter of constantly sitting on the verge of the entry of the unknown, because the infinite Life Principle never draws upon the past, because memory is a three-dimensional time space experience. Therefore, the Life Principle is forever being new, out of its infinite creative capacity.

I encourage you not to jump to the conclusion, when you are feeling this sense of impending something, that you are supposed to figure out what it is, or make it come faster. You are feeling the enlivening dynamic of Life itself. You are feeling something essential to your Being, and it is something for you to abide with. It is something for you simply to feel.

Everybody wants to feel alive. And most of the time people get their feeling of aliveness from the challenge, the conflict that the ego introduces. And they feel like they're not alive if they're not in the presence of conflict to be overcome. But when you move out of the ego level and you move into the peace of your Being, you find that the peace is inseparable from a joy, an enlivening, as you put it, the experience of the dynamic of life as your conscious experience of existing.

Again the ego always distracts you from simply being aware, by suggesting that you are to do something with what you are aware, instead of simply feel it. If you are simply feeling it, there are things that will happen. It will be almost impossible for you to get up in the morning and be depressed about the coming day, because you will be curious to see what divine events are manifesting themselves, what clarifications are going to be occurring, what opportunities to see the infinite harmony of Being evidenced, a-ha translated into practical realism, in your day.

This is an important point for everyone. Because as you wake up out of an ego frame of reference, the ego frame of reference will try to impose its concepts, its beliefs upon the expanded awareness that has become available to you. And so, because the ego is a doer, an accomplisher, it will suggest that you are to do something with your enlightenment—something besides just experience it. That automatically will pull you out of the experience.

And as a little tiny ego consciousness, you will try to duplicate somehow in the world the vision, the perspective that you experienced as though the experience were not a manifestation of what is already Real about the universe, what is already Real about you, which if you would abide with and stay in, you would find would disclose to you just how omnipotent, just how omnipresent Reality Is—Being Is.

To stay with the feeling does not mean that you have to sit every waking hour in meditation, somehow separated from life, but in this marvelous cozy place, because the joy is there. The joy won't let you sit very long. But when you get up, and your getting up is coming from your joy, and your actions come from the joy, you will find your actions harmonizing and blessing everything. And you will find the order of Life becoming clearer to you in practical everyday terms. It begins to cause you to realize that to have a parking place in front of the place you are going is not just by chance, that there is a oneness, an actual cooperative integrated oneness between you and your world, between God and the World. The evidence of God in the world is harmony, healing, transformation, beauty—just for starters.

So I encourage you to feel the feeling. Assume that the appropriate response is not to jump to and do something with it, but pay attention to it. It is your experience of your absolute inseparable oneness with the Life Principle, the vitality, the invigoration, the joy of Life. It is a disclosure to you that you are to feel, and feel, and feel—eternally.

The more familiar you become with the feeling the more available you will find it being when you are not taking time to be still. The feeling will be present as you are driving on the freeway, or making love, or conducting business, or doing any of the activities that you do. Okay, that's the end of the answer.

QUESTION: Raj, recently I started doing a simple chakra meditation. And it's gotten to the point now where it's like there's somebody helping me along and it's turning into an aerobic exercise. I'd like a little understanding of what's happening, because I can feel the energy being impacted into my body. And I can feel like I want to start it right now. I'm feeling a lot of energy. I'd like an understanding of what's happening and what it's leading up to.

ANSWER: I would encourage you not to use the word impacted, it sounds like an accident happening, a coming up against resistance. I know that isn't what you mean, but I do encourage you to be careful about the words you use so that you find words that express what you mean clearly and without any sense of conflict.

Now I suggested earlier that the process of Awakening is practical. But I want you to understand that as any of you in any way opens up to new territories of your Being, it is important not to try to reduce the experience to an understanding through an intellectual process. Almost invariably any of you who wants to reduce Awakening to an understanding, is coming still from an ego place. And the ego place wants the understanding so that it can duplicate the reality that is already going on, and thus maintain its sense of separation and the fear that constitutes the conflict that keeps you asleep.

Very simply, I would tell you what I told the gentleman in the last answer, feel what you are experiencing, abide with it, let the emotions emerge. Don't waste your time being self-conscious, even though nobody is watching you. Stay with the feeling and pay attention to it. By becoming aware of it on ITS terms, you will come to understand it. It will not be an intellectual understanding, and you may never be able to put it into words to explain to someone else except in the most vague way. And it will remain for them to have the experience and recognize what you have said and then say, "I understand what you meant," even though they can't explain it any better than you.

In the process of Awakening, each of you must be willing to become like an infant in a crib, a week old, two weeks old, three weeks old, surrounded by objects and sensory experiences that make no sense. But it just abides with the experiences, and before long the experiences begin to have meaning.

But you see, you tend to overlook the fact that the meaning of a ball, or the meaning of the softness of the blanket doesn't connect in any way with the meaning you give to it, with your understanding of soft polyester fibers, and that a

ball rolls because there is very little resistance when it is hit because of its circular surface, etc.

There is no intellectual understanding of it that the child has. But it doesn't mean that the child cannot function in terms of those objects and experience meaning. It doesn't understand geometry of shapes. It doesn't understand physics of motion. And yet it can delightfully play with the ball. It can pull that blanket up close and smile. In delight! At what? It doesn't understand intellectually any of it.

Likewise, let yourself abide with what unfolds. Experience it! Trust! And the meaning will begin to unfold, but at a level of knowing that doesn't necessarily have words with it. And that knowing will have relevance to other aspects of your life that cause the gift of that knowing to multiply into greater understanding and feeling of the oneness of everything and the essential divinity of it.

I have said it before, "you will not understand your way into the Kingdom of Heaven." That is what the ego wants to do. You will feel your way into the Kingdom of Heaven. You will feel your way into enlightenment. And if that is going to happen, you have to give yourself the time to feel. You have to be quiet and pay attention long enough to allow the feeling to be experienced.

The movements that you are speaking of are not irrelevant and they are not meaningless, but I wouldn't presume to try to tell you intellectually what the meanings are. You know that you are not possessed in the process, and therefore you can dare to continue to pay attention and be in that place where it happens.

The ego wants to be in control, and so it is likely to say, "It is not intelligent for you to continue a step further until you know what you are going to run into." And yet, I would like to ask you, how revelation can be revelation if you can understand it ahead of time?

Now I am making a point here: Intelligence doesn't go out of the window in the process of waking up. And you can dare to assume that an acknowledgment that revelation can't be revelation if you know what it's going to be ahead of time, you can know that that awareness is part of the practicality of bringing radical idealism into practical realism.

There is much that you already know that is still going to be of value for you. And common sense is one of those things. Common sense does not mean sense you have in common with everybody else, and by which you are bound along with everyone else. Common sense is the SIMPLE sense of what is right, of what is true, a sense that is with you always. That ability to recognize what is true, is a sense you have in common with everyone else. But it is simple. And much of your common sense is relevant in the process of your Awakening.

So dare to pay attention. Dare to feel into your greater capacity to be aware. And realize that the ego's attempts to understand it are always so that it can take over and do it itself. And if it succeeds, then you have been further stuck in your

ignorance, because you'll be busy duplicating and you will not be present with the Real experience—the experience that tells you there is no need for duplication. There is no need to be in control in the way the ego wants to be in control. Okay, that's the end of the answer.

QUESTION: I'm wondering about how I can feel unconditional love for some people and not for others?

ANSWER: First of all I want you to be willing to assume that those for whom you do have unconditional love, is not for you the total experience of what unconditional love is. I do not say that to disappoint you, but to encourage you to be aware that there is even more available in terms of the experience of the meaning of unconditional love. I say it so that you can have a sense of open endedness at this point, that there is indeed an even fuller experience of what unconditional love is.

To answer your question: It is very understandable why you cannot feel unconditional love for some people. It is because you are conditioned not to be able to love them. Actually, it is because you have not arrived at a point where you can conceive of HOW that individual could possibly have arrived at the point of view that justifies for him or her the behavior which you find objectionable. To be honest with you, it is self-righteousness on your part.

The fact that you find it difficult, if not impossible, to love someone unconditionally implies a state of ignorance on your part, which could conceivably be construed by me as cause for not being able to love you, because you are coming from a level of ignorance that I am not suffering from.

But in your heart of hearts no matter what you have done, no matter what you currently believe, you do feel that you are worthy of love, you do feel that you are worthy of my attention to you. It is understandable to you that I might actually be able to love you right where you are, right at this instant, with just exactly the belief structures and ignorance's and biases that you obviously still have since you have not ascended. I encourage you to think about that.

If you are worthy of loving consideration and patience and the willingness to share with you the truth—even if it has to be shared five thousand times before it registers with you—is not someone whom to you is unlovable worthy of the same? And is not that what is called for, the willingness to love the unlovable? I would ask you how much love there is present when you are loving what is obviously lovable? I would suggest that perhaps that's not love, but enjoyment. Love where love is not needed is not transformational. And as one grows in his capacity to be unconditional in his love, the natural inclination is to love where it is needed.

How much do you want to be identified with the Christ—the Christ Consciousness? Do not ever think that you can become clear—the clear Presence of the Christ Consciousness—in private. That's what the ego is trying to do. It is trying to be something alone. The need, the demand, is to be the Christ where the

Christ seems to be covered up, because that is what inspires the Christ that is buried under all of these ego concepts and belief structures to stand up and say, “Here I Am”—and wake up.

And so, it is understandable that you find it impossible to be unconditionally loving. But it does not relieve you of the necessity to do it anyway. It puts you right up against your belief structures. It puts you right up against your unwillingness. But this allows you to see that you actually do have parts of you that are unwilling to extend love. It illustrates to you at a level of experience that at this point you are insisting upon not lowering your conditions so that you will not be blinded by the divine Reality that confronts you.

Do you see how tricky the ego is? It presents the problem as, “I have difficulty being unconditionally loving with some people.” Some people being the focus, the issue. But what is actually happening, is you are acting out an unwillingness on your part to experience Reality. You are acting out an insistence on your part upon denying the experience of Reality. Now are you willing to pay the cost of denying yourself the experience of perceiving Reality right where the unlovable seems to be going on, right where Reality doesn’t seem to be going on? You must be alert! Are you willing to pay the cost of being unwilling to perceive Reality, and thus block your Awakening?

All of the arguments refer to the unlovable thing, “But they did this. But they do that. But they don’t do this.” And so, that justifies you depriving yourself of experiencing Reality right in that spot? There is no intelligence in that! There is nothing reasonable in that! But as long as they remain the focal point, and as long as their behavior and attitudes remain the focal point, you will overlook what you are doing to your capacity to wake up. It’s not worth it! And as you begin to look at it in this light, you will begin to see that there is nothing that can go on out there that can justify you denying yourself the experience of being Awake, and of seeing what is divinely True right out there where egos seem to be presenting themselves.

I’ve said it before, don’t go out there and try to save the world. Save yourself. Do what you need to do in order not to be blind yourself. Because I will tell you, and common sense will tell you, until you can see Truly you can’t see what needs to be done to save the world. And when you can see what needs to be done, you will discover it happening. And you will see that you will end up facilitating the happening, but not causing it to happen. Okay, that’s the end of the answer.

QUESTION: I wonder if you might tell me, if the Shroud of Turin is really the Shroud of Jesus Christ? And if you could tell me or all of us exactly how it was created for want of a better way to phrase that?

ANSWER: There is nothing mysterious about it. Yes it is the Shroud. It is a valid artifact. The image was, shall I say, impacted into the fibers of the Shroud

as I allowed my body to translate into the Body of Light, and which I then “downgraded” before I left the tomb.

One word of admonishment: do not try to find me in the past. I am here Now! I am living Now! I am me Now! And I am not limited by the conditions and the mindsets and the circumstances of the past. Intelligence is always present and in harmony with whatever is going on in the Now. If you wish to speak with me privately, shall I say, not through Paul, I am available just as your guide is. But understand that I am not speaking through some dark tunnel that finds its way 2,000 years into the past. I am the Living Christ, and I am relevant to and pertinent to today—to now—and whatever it takes to facilitate the Awakening of every single one of you when you desire to wake up.

The other thing is: do not try to find me in my personality of 2,000 years ago. If you succeeded in finding me in my personality, your ego would absolutely jump for joy, because then you could validate your personality, and continue to override and overlook your Divine Individuality as my brother, my sister, my equal, the Christ Consciousness. It is not important for you to find my Divinity, except if it serves to justify your finding yours. And I want you to let that ring in your ears.

I am not scolding you. But I am providing you with the means of not getting hooked into personalities, or the past. That’s ego territory. Okay, that’s the end of the answer.

QUESTION: For 35 of the years prior to 1985 I had no serious physical accidents. Within the last 20 months I’ve had three accidents, two of which statistically should have been fatal. I’m suspicious of coincidences, and my feeling is that there is something inside of me trying to tell me something that I’m not picking up on.

ANSWER: The message is: there is no escape! And it is important for you to understand that the message is not that you are trying to escape, or that there is something self-destructive in you that could be gathered from the events.

There is too often the tendency to use events as a means of trying to find out what is wrong with you. Again, this is the way the ego keeps you hooked. The message here for you is that you cannot get outside of your divinity. You cannot get outside your life. That you are not in charge, even though you would not have thought to approach this as a conscious act of choice to leave. The experience is a negative expansion—a negative experience providing you with an absolute truth. That truth being, that even at the ego level you cannot control your destiny, and that your capital “B” Being, that which you Divinely are is in charge, is governing.

You are absolutely right that there is no coincidence to it. It was a very specific point of learning. Why? Because it was time to learn that Divine fact—that you at an ego level do not govern your destiny and that your Being does, and does absolutely.

At this point in everyone's development, in the process of waking up out of the ego sense, the divinity of your Being is like the radical idealism I spoke of in the beginning. It seems disembodied. It seems spiritually vague, but substantial in some way. It seems not to relate to where you are.

But what you experienced in these accidents was a matter of divine idealism being translated into practical realism so that right here and right now you have the opportunity to recognize the truth about you with greater experiential perspective. This is going to allow you to dare to lean into what you divinely are more significantly, because it is obvious to you how absolute it is in terms of its governing your experience.

In other words, you now have the opportunity to invite, desire, radical idealism into your experience as practical realism at a new level of experience.

No matter how far any of you think you are actually able to get outside of God, outside of Reality, no matter how successful it might appear that the denial of God and the denial of Reality and the denial of your divinity has been, you haven't been able to get one fraction of an inch out of what you divinely Are. No one has succeeded in creating an alternate reality. And so, each one of you is secure in your divinity, or shall I say secured in your divinity permanently.

Is it any wonder then that when you attempt to act at odds with your divinity, that you feel the yank of that security. That's the end of the answer.

QUESTION: Hi Raj, I just wanted you to know I heard all of your answers and they pertain to my question absolutely. And I still need to ask this. It pertains to me and it pertains to my boyfriend, who's name is Dennis. And we've been having a rough time on the home front because of this crisis—it's actually on a number of different levels.

We started buying a house six months ago and it hasn't closed yet. And it's kind of been endless difficulties associated with a number of different things. We've lost thousands of dollars on it, it hasn't closed, the woman who owns the house went into alcohol treatment. I think she got real crazy and doesn't want to sell us the house anymore. We've got many thousands of dollars into it.

I know that you don't need to have me tell the story. Anyway Dennis is infuriated, he is very angry, he's very negative, he's become suspicious of everyone in the world, including me. It's just been kind of traumatic for about the last six months, in that area.

And what I'm wanting to know is, do I need to get involved with this transaction at all, or do I need to step away from it? I've tried everything that I know of to try and look at things differently, and have him look at things differently. And he thinks that I'm crazy, because the whole thing is screwed up. And I want to know, do I need to do anything? I'm just really confused as to why this is happening. I'm kind of waiting for, as you would say, a revelation on the whole mess.

ANSWER: If he has set the reins down, then somebody better pick them up. And I would suggest that it be you. Yes, do step in. It is important for you to know that it is appropriate for this house to be secured by you—both of you. And that you must dare to be willing to follow through to the conclusion of the transaction.

Again, here is an example of bringing radical idealism, the unformed, or the impossible, or the not yet manifested into manifestation, practical realism. One does this by staying with the actual focus, the actual appropriate steps, and not succumbing to the various arguments that present themselves—that would tell you to back off, to let it go, to become inappropriate.

Dennis is allowing the circumstances to cause him to relinquish his trust in simple law and order. This is his choice, and he can choose differently. It is my suggestion that he change his approach, and that he not let go of his own integrity, his own willingness to invest trust in fundamental law and orderliness.

He is allowing himself to go a little crazy, because somebody else went a little crazy. But there is no requirement for it. And indeed he needs to stand up against it, and not give up his experience of the integrity of his life and the events in it.

Again, there is nothing that can happen out there that can justify letting go of ones experience of his or her integrity. Once you give up your integrity, everything is lost until you pick it up again. If everybody else lets go of theirs, and you don't let go of yours, you lose nothing—ever.

Now this purchase is not a lost cause. I encourage you to be willing to take legal steps if they are required. And I encourage you to follow through until the purchase has been finalized. And I encourage you both to do it together. And not assume that your own judgment is untrustworthy simply because other people have behaved in an untrustworthy way. You see, he is calling his trustworthiness into question, else he wouldn't be giving up his integrity to be as crazy as this woman is being.

I encourage him to pick his trust in himself back up. And I encourage him to carry it with him, as the two of you take steps to secure this house. Do not let the sense of lose override or bias your willingness to secure what is appropriately yours. And you will find that in the end no lose of anything significant will have occurred. Why? Because you have been willing to take radical idealism and pull it into practical realism. That process is a whole process. It affects every aspect of whatever it is that is unfolding Identifiably, as identifiably divine and therefore of benefit to everyone concerned. That's the end of the answer.

QUESTION: Hello Raj, what would help a mentally disabled child to wake up?

ANSWER: First of all I encourage anyone who is working with this child to recognize that this child is in full possession of her faculties, and is consciously but ignorantly using her faculties in this way, and is thus presenting this facade.

Here is an example of seeing without your conditioning. Your conditioning will explain to you exactly why there seems to be this condition, and therefore causing it to be unchangable or irrevocable. This child needs to realize that she's been caught in the act. And this will happen when those around her start treating her as though she knows exactly what she's doing. Mind you this does not mean you have the right to try to get her to stop. She is enjoying pulling the wool over everyone's eyes. If you try to get her to change, she will resist. But if she recognizes that you know that she is in full possession of her faculties, and that you are not fooled, it will not be as interesting to maintain the game.

Now I do want to make something clear here. This child is no different from anyone else who seems to be exhibiting mental illness. I am not saying that this child is in full charge of herself and is handling herself in this way because there is a benefit, and therefore she's not really mentally ill, but other people are mentally ill.

But you see, in your recognition that she is exercising her authority in her life the way she is choosing to, because there is a pay off, and if you understand that the pay off for her is that she is managing to fool everybody and it's a big joke, then you will not feel sorry for this poor limited thing.

Your acknowledgment that she is in full charge is a matter of accepting a viewpoint of radical idealism simply because it isn't the obvious. And holding to that with the expectation of seeing it manifested or translated into practical realism, is what will heal. But mind, you this will not occur through coercion. It will result from recognition, and then continuing not to be fooled until she is willing to change and stop playing the game.

You see, when you are willing to let down the conditioning that doesn't allow you to be unconditional in your recognition of what is divinely there, you block yourself and you block the transformation—you block the process of waking up.

Radical idealism is the Truth about all things. It only seems to be ideal because you are looking from a limited point of view. What I have been referring to as radical idealism is really a reference to Reality, as opposed to your limited awareness, at the moment, of Reality, which causes it to appear quite differently to you than it really is.

Your willingness to recognize the divinity of each and everything that confronts you seems crazy to the ego—you would be called an idealist. But when you do not yield to the arguments against it, and you realize that the idealism is Reality waiting for you to perceive it, you will open up to it, you will see it ideally, you will feel it, and you will then find it being translated into practical realism.

Which means, watching Reality emerge right in front of you where the illusion seemed to be going on. That's the end of the answer.

QUESTION: I have a great curiosity about Souls. At the beginning of recorded history there were perhaps as many as 5,000,000 souls on this earth. And by the year 2000 there will probably be about 50,000,000,000. And my curiosity goes from where do all these Souls come from and go to. And if we have some of the destruction that has been talking about, then those Souls will be put aside to try to get back into learning again.

ANSWER: That is an interesting statement. Until one wakes up, one never gets out of learning. One gets no vacation from it, let us say, simply because what one divinely is always present and insisting its way into one's private partial sense of self. One is constantly running into his infinitude and stubbing his toe, because he's denying its existence. And so, one is constantly at the threshold of discovering the more of himself that has always been present.

I'm going to give you an example here which cannot be used absolutely to describe Reality: The sun is shining, there are rays of light coming out from it—identifiable rays of light. And yet there really are no gaps in that radiation, there are not spaces between the rays, so to speak. The sun is the equivalent of the infinite Life Principle or God, the infinite Mind, the infinite Intelligence, which expresses Itself infinitely—meaning without any finity to it, without any limit to it.

You speak of Souls because you see yourselves like individual rays of light, which somehow are separated from each other. But there is just One Infinite Soul, God, Self expressing in a way that is not finite, but infinite.

There are not multiple Souls. Each one of you is the Father in expression. The Father, Self-expressed, is what constitutes you. God is indivisible, therefore you are not divided from God. And you are not divided from any other Individuality. And yet, just as there are identifiable rays of light, you are individually identifiable. This is difficult for the three-dimensional mind to grasp the full meaning of.

You do not have a Soul of your own. You are Soul being Soul. And God is the Source, the Substance, the Wholeness of that Soul. Why do all of the Masters speak of joining with the Godhead, when they are referring to going within yourself? Because that is where you find God being All That Is. And that is where you find your greater capacity to be aware as the Mind of God experiencing Himself infinitely, without any sense of division between that which is perceiving and that which is perceived.

God has been infinite forever. And that is a statement that only seems to make sense from within the three-dimensional frame of reference. Therefore, His infinite Self-expression has been complete and yet not limited, forever. Souls have not come and gone. The infinitude of the Father has not fluctuated in any way, at any time.

And again, I will state that it is absolutely impossible for any “Soul” to be left behind in the process of Awakening or enlightenment, because that would mean that God would become less than infinite. And although there may be those who resist waking up, it will become increasingly difficult to resist, because there will be fewer and fewer personalities around to support the sense of personality that the one resisting is holding on to because the others will have been willing to make a shift to the clear experience of their individuality as the very presence of the Father in expression. And it will become very difficult to continue to dream in the bright radiance of illumination, of enlightenment. And everyone WILL wake up. At different levels of perception this shift will be experienced differently.

But I am approaching each one of you from the standpoint of the radical idealism, that I talked about from the beginning today, so that you do not become sidetracted with the various levels of perception, which will be false because not totally enlightened, as the coming into one’s own, as the presence of the Father perceiving His infinity flawlessly happens.

Afterwards one individual could say, “It was a hell of a trip.” And someone else will say, “Gee, it was like sliding down a greased slide.” How it was experienced will be irrelevant, because the event was waking up. And that is what I am pointing each one of you to as we talk here and in all of my conversations.

So keep your vision honed in on the radical idealism, with the conscious awareness that it means nothing if it is not translated into practical realism. And how does one translate? Or how does one facilitate the translation? One does not give up his perception of what is Real once he has discerned it. In other words, he does not allow the previous conditionings to come up again, once he has gotten past them. He sees the truth and stays with it. And he stays with it because it feels good. It feels integrated. It feels substantial. It feels immovable. It feels invulnerable. And you are unwilling to give up your experience of your invulnerability for any belief, any mindset.

“To thine own self be true. And it must follow, as the night the day, thou canst not then be false to any man.” And if you are not being false, artificial, fake to any man, you are being and owning your Christhood. And your Christhood does nothing but illuminate the Christhood of everyone and everything you come in contact with. And the illumination brings the radical idealism into the experience of practical realism. And you call it transformation.

It may sound to you as though I have picked a topic to rub your nose in today. You brought the topic with you. You’re ready to see it. And so I am illuminating you. I am not some teacher who has said, “time for them to learn this.” You are the teacher saying, “here is what I’m learning.” And I am simply reflecting it back to you so that you can own it and feel it deeply. That’s the end of the answer.

PAUL: Okay, just a moment. I was sitting here being quiet, and as is my habit very often, I thanked Raj for everything that he's been sharing. And it reminded me that since he's come along I've been doing a lot of that—saying “thank you.” And for me, it's like before he came along if I had had to say “thank you” to too many people I would have felt like I was incompetent in some way. Like I'm having to lean to much, I'm not being self-sufficient. Obviously, if I'm having to say “thank you,” a lot is being done for me, and that is not to my credit.

But what I became aware of as I was sitting here was, that it's a really wonderful thing to be able to feel gratitude. Which isn't something we have much opportunity to do when we are being so darn self-sufficient. If we're being self-sufficient we don't put ourselves in a position of allowing ourselves to relate with our fellow man in a way that something can happen that we could say “thank you” for. And so we miss out on feeling gratitude.

In the church I grew up in we had a hymn. It said, “A grateful heart a garden is, where there is always room for every lovely God-like grace to come to perfect bloom.” I don't know why I'm sharing this, but I just became aware as I was sitting here that this is an experience I've had and it has meant something to be able to express gratitude. And that has been a change in my life.

QUESTION: Thank you Raj, you've been wonderful today as always. Would you please clarify the word defenseless for me. I know in reference to unconditional love we must be totally defenseless. On the other hand, you counseled the lady to seek an attorney to defend her. Now I'm confused about the semantics of the word.

ANSWER: You could interpret that as hiring an attorney to defend her. I would express it this way: that she is hiring an attorney to confirm the truth of the situation.

Defenselessness... Defenselessness means not introducing any argument against your experience of Truth. That's the end of the answer.

QUESTION: May I ask for further clarification on that, with reference to fighting or opposing another individual?

ANSWER: Defenselessness does not mean that you will not disagree with someone else. Defenselessness does not mean that you will not stand as a brick wall for your arrogant child to run into and find that there is order and principle that he cannot defy successfully. Defenselessness means being open to being aware of how to be appropriate in any given situation.

How does one be appropriate? One allows himself to become sensitive to the divine event that is going on. And in becoming aware of the divine event that is going on, the discrepancies between what appears to be going on and the actual divine event become crystal clear. What happens then is that the actual dynamics that are blocking the resolution of the conflict between the divine event and the one

that seems to be going on, become crystal clear, and thus you can address the actual dynamic.

Paul can attest to the fact that very often people call and address a question to me, describing the dilemma they're in, and I will apparently respond to something that this person has not said. I will redescribe the dilemma more correctly, and the person will say, "I've got it," because I was addressing the real issue rather than the issue that the ego had misdirected this person to.

You will find that egos will very seldom express what they really mean. And yet, if you are willing to become still, if you are willing to come from your best centered place, you will find yourself knowing what the actual issue is. And then you and the individual you're confronted with can deal with the actual issue, and that person will feel heard. That person will feel that you have understood them and will relax.

Being defenseless means, not defending yourself against your clarity so that you may truly know how to be appropriate in any given situation and becoming clearer, as I indicated earlier with children. That clarity may allow you to speak from the tips of your toes when you say, "absolutely not!" which may enrage the child, may anger him or her terribly. But when you speak from your toes, what you say is heard.

I indicated in the beginning that unconditional love does not mean letting everyone do whatever they please, without disagreement. But the key is to have your disagreement come from a perception of truth, and not be a reaction of your ego conditioning to their very active egos.

I have shared with Paul what would appropriately be a cartoon, which shows an overview of the border of the Kingdom of Heaven with roads coming to it from all different directions. And at the border there is a sign posted every few feet that says, "No egos past this point." That's an unyielding fact. You could say it is a statement of disagreement with any egos that approach that line and want to cross over it. It is a Truth that will never change. It is unyielding. It is not a judgment. It is a statement of the way things work. And everyone will have to yield to it as they move into their Christ Consciousness—the experience of the Kingdom of Heaven.

So you see, the need is to be able to discern the truth so that you can express the truth. And the truth will always support the transformation of illusion into the closer approximation of Reality. But you will not be able to discern truth until you lower your conditioned thinking. And conditioned thinking is the accurate and clear definition of defenses.

Defenselessness is letting go, releasing conditioned thinking, and desiring to experience your Knowing, with a capital "K". And when I refer to Knowing, with a capital "K", I am referring to the knowledge of truth that immediately becomes yours and which is always available to you.

Defenselessness is the absence of your resistance to perceiving the Truth—your perceiving or experiencing of Reality. And the place where Reality needs to be discerned is right where the unreality, or right where the illusion, right where the distortion seems to be going on. And that is always the most unlovely or unlovable place.

But again, you can't afford to get caught up in the unlovable place. The attention needs to be brought back to your willingness or unwillingness to lower the defense you have against perceiving the Reality that is in that place. If you are willing to listen within and not respond spontaneously to your emotional reactions, you will find that there are times to walk away from a situation peacefully, and there are other times to stand firm. And in each case, it will be because that is what will facilitate the emergence of clarity, of resolution.

I want you to observe that the ego right now, in your asking of the question, has drawn your attention out to someone else who's behaving in such a way to elicit a fight, defensiveness.

So again, I will state where your attention needs to be: within. Defenselessness is your willingness to not defend yourself against the perception of Reality right in that situation. Once you have seen what needs to be seen, you will then know whether to stand firm or back off, to speak softly or to speak firmly, whether to be sweet or whether to be abrupt and blunt and to the point, and how to be abrupt and blunt and to the point in a way that will trigger healing.

Defenselessness is not something relative to something out there. It is an inner thing. It has to do with your willingness to lower your resistance to perceiving the Reality in that spot, and as a result, knowing how to behave appropriately—appropriately, meaning in the way that uncovers Reality rather than leaving it hidden. Defenselessness is an inside job that allows you to be appropriate externally for the purpose of healing. That's the end of the answer.

QUESTION: I'm going to have major surgery in two weeks. And I was wondering if there is a reason for this happening, besides the physical one?

ANSWER: No. That does not mean that there will not be learning, growth. But there is no profit in your looking for some flaw in you which has manifested in this way. It will be your opportunity to recognize the Father in the experience, in the setting, in the care, in the skill expressed by those caring for you.

It is your opportunity to be able to feel the presence of God right where you are, loving you just as you are, nourishing you as you need nourishment so that you might be able to look at this hospitalization as a profound time of experiencing being loved unconditionally, and increasing your ability to love yourself that way. It is inspiring to be loved unconditionally—inspiring, uplifting.

It is the opportunity to experience divinity in the place where you might least expect to find it, which will help you not to be afraid of other places in your world where you might feel that you are stepping outside of God's Presence, where you

are really more vulnerable. It will inspire you to believe that right where there is cause for fear, there is the divine Reality present manifesting Itself in language of your present perception so that It has meaning right where you are, and discloses to you that you haven't stepped into a situation where you have distanced yourself from that love and care and nourishment, and that therefore any place you might go to holds a treat for you, a divine experience for you.

Very often you avoid radical idealism, because you think it will cause you to be vulnerable and be hurt, or it will bring responsibilities on you that you couldn't possibly be ready for. And this is one of the reasons that there is reluctance to embrace it in a way that will actually promote practical realism that is transformed.

Once you have the opportunity of being in a place where perhaps you can think God has abandoned you, and you find God there, it encourages you to find God in the other potentially unlovely or unpleasant places. And more of your world suddenly becomes available to you to explore and discover in. That's the end of the answer.

QUESTION: I find there are so many paths and so many things that interest me, and they all seem to fit like all of those books on the table. I'd like to be able to read them all and take it all in. And I don't know how to get focused or where I should focus. How do I know... I know one answer is to follow my heart, but my heart is going in all these directions. And I don't know how to get focused and stay in one direction.

And this seems like another question, but it comes tied to it. Lately I've found myself drawn, through pictures and books, to a northern part of Arizona and southern Utah. And then it was mentioned you're doing a workshop in Sedona, and I find myself drawn to that area. And what does that mean?

ANSWER: The answer to your question is the same as the answer to the question, "How do you swallow an elephant?" And the answer is "one bite at a time." Now do you like tail, or tusk, or ear? It's irrelevant. Pick up the part you want to take a bite out of. Pick up the book that is at hand and read it. But realize that there is no demand for you to swallow it all whole.

Waking up is not a task. It is not something that you should allow some sort of patterned structure to develop around. The ego would busy you with things to do in certain orders. Keep it simple. Stand at the book table and close your eyes, and put your hand out and buy the book that's underneath it. There's nothing haphazard about that, there truly isn't. Because you cannot get outside of the absolute order of your Being in its process of fulfilling itself/you. And I encourage you to trust that inevitable natural order that is an inherent part of your Being, no matter how covered up you might be by a limited ego sense.

If you feel like going to Sedona, go to Sedona as soon as it is convenient. If you don't feel like going, don't go. But understand that basically what you will be

inclined to do, what will emerge as a thing that you have energy for, is something which will represent a threshold of learning. And there will be no wasted motion to it. Don't make it complicated. That's the end of the answer.

QUESTION: Raj, in my last conversation with you, I verified some information about a job I was going to get. And you said, I would be offered this particular job and how much money I would be offered as a wage. I forgot to ask when I would start work.

I've been working with my own guide and the first date I got from my guide was May the 5th. Well that's not going to happen. And recently I got at the end of the summer. And more recently I've begun to get the sense that this particular job isn't going to happen at all. And the reason I think I've gotten that sense is that as I open myself up to the fact that life can be easy and effortless, and my prosperity can come easily and effortlessly, that I don't have to work full time and go to school. I don't have to work full time at all, but I can work at the jobs I really want to do and right now that's teaching reading. So my question is, am I going to be working at this particular job, if so when, and if not where is my income coming from?

ANSWER: This is a wonderful example of the fact that there is nothing static about your Being. And as a result of revelation, and the incorporating of what unfolds as a result of revelation, causes the divine idealism to be translated into practical realism in new language. This is one of the reasons that if you are inquiring about a future event that you continue to check from time to time prior to the predicted event, because you grow, and that which then identifies your fulfillment changes. It does not mean that the initial "prediction" was invalid, but let us say, it has been up-graded by your unfoldment.

You are correct. Your guidance is being understood clearly by you, that this opportunity is not likely to become translated into practical realism. Your work teaching reading will grow, and it will end up supporting you. But the reason is because you are willing to dare to do what you love. And you are willing to listen within to know what is appropriate for you.

This avenue of expressing what you love is an appropriate one for you. And it is also appropriate for you to follow through with it without inflicting upon it, or superimposing upon it—like a code of ethics—a code of behavior of things you ought to do, ways you should behave, ways you should express self-responsibility. You will find that as a result of flowing with what your intuition is unfolding to you, you will behave in a way that will be recognizably responsible as well as fulfilling, both within, as well as in terms of the green stuff that pays your rent. That's the end of the answer.

QUESTION: By this code of ethics and things I ought to do, do you mean that the fact that I think that I should be going out and applying for a job here and a job there, even though those aren't the jobs I want to do

because people say you're supposed to be doing this, and this, and this, to bring in the money. Is that what you mean?

ANSWER: Exactly! I encourage you to trust what is coming as a result of genuine non-manipulative listening. You will get the verification you need for the value of having done it that way. That's the end of the answer.

QUESTION: I would like to know how to effectively raise young children without putting the conditioning into them. I have a three year old and an infant. When I don't feel I have yet awakened myself and dealing with my own conditioning. But how to not instill those conditionings into my children so that they can grow up more awake.

ANSWER: First of all, there is no accident to the fact that these particular children are yours, with your particular present mindsets and beliefs and enlightenments and awareness' of truths. Please everyone, learn that you cannot do more than you can do. You are not required to do more than you can do. But you always stand at the threshold of extending the capacity of what you can do. But until the extension has occurred, be pleased with where you are. Value what you do believe to be true and share it. What will be communicated even more than the information is the fact that you dared to trust yourself.

Specifically, I encourage you to love those children. Be aware that they are far from brand new. They are not empty slates upon which you are to write. They have come in with an infinite experience behind them, although they may spend time becoming accustomed to where they are, as I mentioned earlier. And although they may seem to be clumsy and not have much facility at effective communication, understand that nevertheless it is no different from you walking into or finding yourself abruptly in a Martian household, where you suddenly are provided with the opportunity to make sense out of senselessness. And yet you are far from stupid, and you are far from lacking life experience.

And then express your highest concept of love and principle and truth. And as your highest awareness of love and principle and truth grows, don't be proud, expand with them your new awareness'. But it is important at this point for you to assume that the fact that you have children to care for means that you are ready to care for them, that you do have what these children need, or those would not have been the children that came in to your experience. And that there is a marvelous matching that has occurred, and you are absolutely right for those children and they are absolutely right for you, because you are all teachers to each other.

You will push and stretch each others limits. And you will grow. And you will all be strengthened. But you must be willing to take a firm stand in your own mind that you know what needs to be known at this moment to provide the best care for these children.

And no matter how much you are capable of growing, do not indulge in the idea that, because you can grow you obviously must be in a much lesser place than

you will come to, and therefore where you are must be worthy of some level of criticism and self-depreciation.

The child for whom your level of enlightenment would constitute an endarkenment will not come into your experience. Please understand that there is infinite order, even in your ignorance you have not gotten out of infinite order. And you and your family are embraced in that order, and that order is being manifest as the family that you are.

And even the ego structures that are prevalent—that need to be released—are particular ego structures that contributed to the discovery of their uselessness, because you cannot stop being what you divinely are. You cannot get outside of what you divinely are. And God cannot stop Being what God is, which is ALL. And so, even the apparent flaws in the ego concepts are utilized against each other and on your behalf so that you might as gracefully as possible Wake Up, and your children might as gracefully as possible Wake Up.

I want you to consider the last part of my answer to your question further. But the main thought I want to leave you with is: dare to appreciate yourself at this instant. Dare to appreciate and believe the fact that you right now, no matter how much further growth you can do, have what those children need. So give it to them! Share it with them!

ANSWER: I would like to thank everyone who came today. It's been a wonderful group. The energy of the group, every group has its own feel, from my standpoint. And it has been so smooth today. It's been a beautiful group. Whenever it does come time to stop, I have never been in a group where everybody has run out of questions or desire to ask them. So we simply have to stop and hope that there will be another group. So, I again thank everyone for being here. It's been wonderful.