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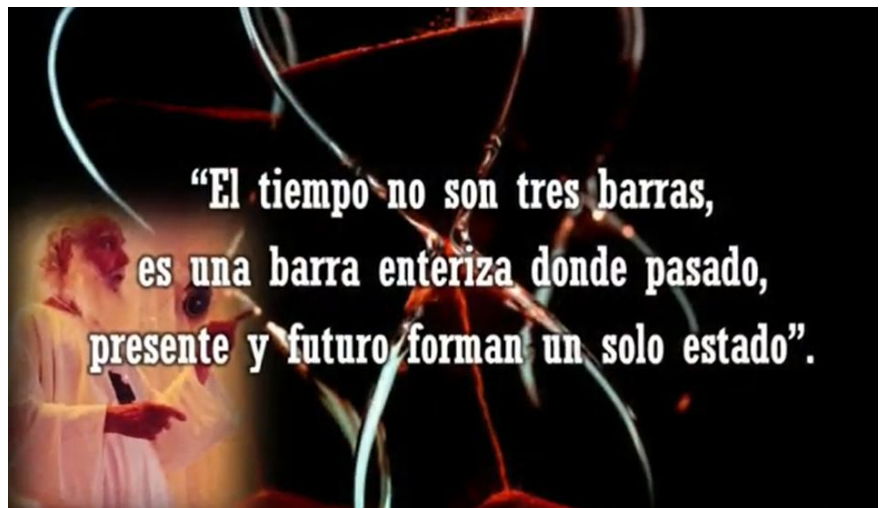
Living the Past and the Future
in the Present — Part 1

Lesson 314

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Time is an attribute of Life, not of death. Time is not cut into chunks, into thousands of years, into centuries, into years, into months, into days, and into hours; that is a convention of social organization. Time is continuous, as our Most Sublime Elder Brother, Dr. José Manuel Estrada, said, "Time is a single bar; it's not three bars, past, present, and future, but one. What we are living today is the future of the people of a thousand, five hundred years ago; we are living the future. And what we are living today is the past of future generations, a thousand, two thousand, four thousand years from now."

So, we are living the past and the future, in the present. We ourselves are a consequence of the past; we carry many traces from previous lives, both from the inheritance of the family tree, which is not only from parents, grandparents, great-grandparents, and great-great-grandparents, but goes back to the origins of humanity. The family tree of every human being carries within its spirit the inheritance of millions of people who are on that family tree. We bring our own personal heritage mixed with our social heritage, and we have in our genetic code the divine heritage, the divine presence, the eternal and the infinite.



For this reason, human beings feel this premonition of the continuity of life, this longing for the perennial, for eternity, this search for the infinite, beyond the limits of the four walls in which we always live and under a roof, when we have the celestial vault, we have the living Earth, without asphalt, without cement, waiting at our feet. But we insist on isolating ourselves in an attempt to tame our Mother Nature to make way for machines, hoping they will solve human problems. Vast highways for machines and narrow sidewalks for human beings; parking lots for machines, and a lack of adequate housing for many families. There are many parking lots and there is a lack of playgrounds for families, for youth in the city.

So, for having perverted the natural order, humanity sometimes suffers the consequences, and those consequences are a very beautiful lesson that reminds us of the return of the prodigal son in that parable the Master Jesus uttered, in the form of a short story, to teach sublime truths. So, Humanity is now like the Prodigal Son, wanting to return to nature, restore environmental balance, combat pollution, etc. Not the majority, the majority is indifferent to all of this, but those who guide Humanity are those who go forward, the standard-bearers. They are few, but, as Ancient Tradition says: "Through the few, the many will be saved."

So, the new generations, this new Humanity on the March, within them, flutters the spirit of the Era of Aquarius, the Spirit of Peace. The new generations do not want to go to war; they are forced, pushed to kill those who have committed no crime; on the battlefield, they are forced to become murderers, with a false idea of what the fatherland is. Fatherland is a very sacred word because it comes from Father, from the Eternal Father. Our fatherland is the Cosmos; it is not a piece of land. Along with the fatherland is the Motherland, the mother as well, and she must be respected. On the contrary, if man does not bow down to his Fatherland and Motherland, then conflicts between men and women arise in humanity, despite songs, poems, and movies.

So, to return home as prodigal sons, we first need to become aware of the experiences we have lived as a humanity, as a people, as individuals. Recapitulate the message, Recapitulation Meditation, of the great recapitulation of Humanity's passage through the Earth. Reviewing our antecedents, the great civilizations we built in the past without the need for machines. Cultures, then, that with effort, experience, and muscle, were able to rise; and along with that, the mistakes made in empires, the desire to conquer, to dominate, to end, to destroy in a moment, cities that took centuries to develop.

The vices, the lies, all of that can be reviewed, so that those few who advance in this meditation may radiate waves of purification of the collective mind, of collective karma, of that desire for power, for domination, for false wealth, and so that then, eliminating all these weeds, the best values, the virtues, may emerge from the human heart, which despite so many obstacles have been cultivated throughout time, in all spaces, on all continents, on the islands. Continent [...] of the white spirit. And those who are at the front, are not chosen but by themselves; to those who want to advance, to be pioneers, the doors are open.

We do not see profane people, we do not find anyone to discriminate against; all human and non-human beings are on the Great Path. Some will be at the bus station, starting out, on the runway, at the spiritual airport. Others have already ascended, have spread their wings, others are already flying, and some, little by little, are approaching the goal. Well, neither should we wait that they [...], because within every human being is the divine presence, the genes of GOD, of what we call GOD, without knowing what it is, without studying Divine Science.

We believe in God blindly, but with that belief, that hope, even if it hasn't been studied. The Era of Aquarius brings "belief with sapience," because we are in the Era of Knowledge, and the Avatar of the Era of Aquarius brings the commandment to unite or bring together Science and Religion. It is not a message of division, of separation, but a message of wisdom, more than of love. Let there be a little bit of science in Religion and a little bit of religion in Science. Let science or scientists be guided by lofty ideals and not paid for by selfish interests to conduct research of mere commercial or military interest; but rather, let them be scientists at the service of Humanity. Not inventing more gadgets for consumerism, but a science that awakens the highest faculties of the human being.

Not artificial intelligence, not a robot, but the natural intelligence that is dormant in most human beings. There is barely a little bit of reason to work, to live, but without understanding life, the meaning of existence, what death really is, what follows after. Not after death, as some say, "What follows after death?" No, after death nothing follows. What follows after life, after this life, life continues. There is not even a moment of breathing, even if one stops breathing, the body, life continues fluttering, there is continuity.

So, be clear about the idea of death; death is nothing more than a bridge. It shouldn't be called death, it should be called transition. When the day dies, the night is born; when a fetus dies, the baby is born; when childhood dies, adolescence is born; when a student stop going to university, they die for university, a professional for society is born.



And so, when we leave this body, the body doesn't die either; matter is always alive. Thus, that bridge called death leads us to another level, to another plane of existence. Like liquid water when it evaporates, even if we don't see it, it continues to exist. And when ice melts, the ice doesn't die either; it continues to exist, not the ice, but the water. Ice is a transition, a temporary one. Like a child, childhood dies, but the child doesn't die, the moment, the instant dies. The profession dies, but the professional doesn't die; they simply retire, their job done. So, there is continuity in life, and we proclaim this with every justification. There is no science that investigates death; science investigates life. Scientists know very well that death doesn't exist.

We meet on the Path because we have walked together in past lives, and we are continuing the work. Just as there is a human family tree, there is also a spiritual genealogy that gives continuity to the efforts of those who, in the name of Humanity, seek to awaken, to transcend routine, common life, to become fully aware of our presence in the Universe. In terms of size, then, our planet is like a dust, a grain of dust in space. From the space station, they have taken photos of the Earth, and you can see a tiny, insignificant dot there. And on that point are the human microbes, practically invisible, who believe themselves to be the kings of Creation and have staged a coup d'état against the true king of Creation, who is the author of all that exists.

So, we are invisible to the greater Universe, even if we don't want it to be, because invisible beings see each other; otherwise, they couldn't coexist. Microbes are invisible to us, but they see each other perfectly and don't consider themselves small. They also have their measurements. Each microbe considers itself 1.6 meters tall, like us. On its own, small scale. We, who are so small on this grain of dust that is the Earth, also establish measurements for our condition, in height, weight, age, etc., but none of that should limit us. As a yogi says, "only those who want to grow old, grow old." Because old age is—and I just read it in an article by a scientist on the Internet— a state of mind. There are people who, through their minds, damage their bodies and weaken them with their anxieties, their fears, their worries. And all of this, through the nervous system, the mind damages the body. But when the mind is positive, the body's machinery works perfectly. What happens with a car, an automobile, I've seen very old cars in perfect condition because the owner knows how to maintain them. And I've seen cars that were only a few years old turned into scrap, because the owner doesn't know how to treat them.

So, it's the mind that elevates or depresses; that heals or sickens. There are no microbes; it's not right to blame others for our faults. A microbe is a living being like us and seeks a place to settle, because it's not a demon that came to harm anyone.

Our illnesses are due to our lack of responsibility. It's useless to blame the air, the water, the microbe, the food, etc., evading responsibility.

Well, many points need to be clarified so that aspirants may reach the Wisdom that illuminates health and love, that illuminates human relationships. They can always maintain that vigilance over themselves, as the great Masters of Humanity have indicated. Don't interfere with others, don't criticize them, don't mock others, don't discriminate. Focus on yourself, on your flaws, your neglect, your filth. Don't see the speck in another's eye, but rather the tremendous beam in your own. Don't judge so that you won't be judged, because with the same yardstick with which you measure others, one day you too will be judged. It's a waste of energy to criticize others, an ideology, a religion, a philosophy, a race, a country; that's wasted energy. On the other hand, self-criticism helps us correct ourselves.

When someone offends you, don't complain. Ask yourself, "What have I done to cause that person to offend me? What is my fault?" Whoever does that is overcoming the supreme responsibility to reach that goal that all of us, gathered here, aspire to achieve one day. A self-analysis, self-examination, reflection, the Meditation of Recapitulation of the day, of the years we have lived, of the world in which we participate, so that past, present and future are united, we must bring from the past the lessons, not longings, not memories, but lessons from the past. Thus our present is enriched, because all progress of Humanity is based on the past.

The achievements of today's science have been built on the achievements of the science of the last century, those of the last century by others of the previous century, and everything that Science has achieved through the centuries, with the achievements of the peoples of prehistory. Science began there, Religion began there, the Family began there, Society began there, in the earliest times. Why? Why did it begin? Because we bring a mandate from heaven, and those prehistoric peoples, their members— who were us in prehistory— heeded the mandate given to them when they set foot on this small planet. Small in comparison to the space of the Universe, but big compared to our planet, to ourselves, to atoms, to microbes, as the Maestre has proclaimed.



The tradition we bring is a perennial tradition, from all times, from the beginning. It has no name, it has no label. Our path has no name either, it is life, this is the Path, the life of every day. On the path of our life, we come to a point where there is a little source of nutrients... from Buddhism, we walk for a while, and nutrients from Christianity, from music, painting. Every so often on the path of our existence, we find where to drink the water of the great Masters of the past, of peoples, of civilizations, because the past does not die.

“Time is a solid bar.” said the Elder Brother. And that is important to understand so that we do not identify with age. Some say I am 94 years old. I say, “I am not, they are gone, I cannot grasp them...” I don’t have, and because of age, I no longer have a destiny. Everything that is in my destiny, I have already achieved. I have already studied; I was with my parents, my siblings; I went to school, high school, university; I worked, I had a profession, I had a job; I traveled the world; I had a family; I lack nothing. I have no rights or duties, I'm out of series. like the person who arrives at the airport and that's it, the plane landed, and he has no more flights. He has no choice but to go home.

And so, without a destination, I have no duties or rights in relation to social rules, to life, but a few duties, and



I take my rights. No one forced me to come. I decided to come; I gave myself that right. And every right implies obligations, but let’s say to share the bread of wisdom. That's life, isn't it? To receive and to give; you have a right, you have a duty. But today everyone talks about human rights, women's rights, men's rights, but no one talks about duties. I wanted to go to the United Nations in New York to have them proclaim the Charter of Human Duties; for every human right, there are several duties.

Over in Venezuela, in the city of Mérida, where we currently live, I helped found a Masonic lodge in 1963. And the group of brothers was looking for a name to give it. They wanted to give it a nice name, like "The Flower of the Andes," or "The Five Eagles," according to legends there.

I told them, “Look, those names are nice for a poem, for a song, but a lodge, in such a Catholic city, which is going to be scandalized, where some are going to be scandalized, needs to be given a name that will command respect.”

And they asked me, “And what is that name?”

I told them, "Human Duties, Human Rights."

And they all agreed, [the name was:] the Lodge "Human Rights," for the people of Mérida.

And then, when the Lodge began to operate, I told them, "Look, those rights imply duties." The right to freedom of thought obliges us not to say nonsense, not to think nonsense, things that are not true; it implies cultivating the mind. The right to freedom of expression implies the duty to use decent vocabulary and a friendly, non-offensive manner of pronunciation, etc.

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