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- *The consequences of superficial living and denial of God*
- *The community of souls, incarnate and discarnate*

God is with each of you as are all of us, your collective assembly of guides and the spirits for whom you pray. We indeed grow through your prayer. We grow through your listening. We grow through your thoughts of us and of our service to you.

Life for us is vital. It is incredibly beautiful. It is filled with a profound joy that is the outgrowth of pure love. It would be easy for us to dwell on our lives rather than yours, but if we did so, you would find such an attraction to what the future is for each of you that you would lose sight of the beauty, the profound power and spiritual purpose for which you experience human life. A teacher who glorifies life after school soon finds those within the classroom to be less interested in the school and more concerned about what lies beyond the educational experience, and that of course is not as it should be. But experiencing education with no perspective or understanding of where that education leads denies one of a sense of purpose. You know that your lives are for the purpose of your spiritual growth, but without an understanding of what that growth means ultimately, such growth has little attraction for all human beings.

There are those humans who are committed to the belief that all there is to life is experienced in the here and now. They believe that when human life ends there is nothing more and therefore “live life to the fullest for it is the only chance one has.” For those individuals, and there are many, life has little significance except pleasure seeking. There is no reason to be concerned about matters of the spirit because there is no spirit. The only meaning to life is life as it is experienced daily. Such a life misses so much of why it is experienced in the first place. There really is no rudder; there is no guidance or direction. It is a life of activity and nothing more.

Such life as we described does not create displeasure in God. There is no anger or remorse, but only a kind of sadness, as you might describe it, that such individuals deprive themselves of the opportunities for greater enrichment, for purpose, for meaning. Indeed they are deprived of a sense of value for others. The soul that resides and experiences such a lifestyle is not damned or in some way experiencing a punishment or intentional denial, for the soul continues on the path of spiritual enlightenment regardless of the seemingly restrictive life that it accompanies. Even the life that denies the existence of the soul, therefore, has purpose, for that soul is continuing to grow. Its growth may be inhibited to a degree, but nevertheless such growth occurs as is needed by the soul at that time.

It is not by mere chance that a soul occupies or accompanies a human form. There is nothing random about the soul that is a part of your lives. Souls are involved in the choice of lives that they are attached to. Souls in need of great learning are attached to human forms where such learning is indeed possible. Souls that need other

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forms of learning associated with a human being with little or no awareness of its existence still succeed in reaching the needs that were intended. The soul associated with one who denies God, who denies the value of human life, who denies the spiritual component of all creation, still moves forward, still grows, still enhances.

Our existence, therefore, takes on many levels of activity. We are associated with human beings such as you who seek, who wish to gain a greater understanding of self and the world. Your lives are precisely the lives that are the most appropriate for the spirit that accompanies you. Human beings, of course, change in their life perspective. There are many who travel the journey of life for a lengthy amount of time ignorant of the spirit, and yet a point comes when the reality of the spirit can no longer be denied, and that individual becomes opened, as it were. It is the same soul that resides with that individual. That soul benefits from both the stage of denial and that of acceptance.

No lives therefore are without merit. Even the individual whose actions you may abhor is living a life for a reason. It may be that such an individual creates much pain, emotionally or physically, but it is undeniable that such an individual is in equal need for the benefit of human life. For this reason, we cannot condemn other individuals because of their behavior. Likewise you cannot glorify individuals because of their behavior. You may condemn the actions of one, but you can never condemn a person. That person shares in the experience of human life just as we have shared in the experience of human life.

There are souls with us who denied the reality of God while they were living their human lives. Nevertheless, for us those souls are as beautiful as all other souls. Those souls have shed their human limitations and they are purely spiritual. They are light-giving. They are supporting. They are affirming. They are loving. They are the same souls with us as they were with you. Therefore, judgment has no place.

Our lives entail great effort. This effort is directed toward understanding of ourselves that we may help you, just as it is for you to exert sufficient effort to understand yourselves so that you may help others. Yes, our lives are filled with beauty. They are filled with a loving presence that we know to be God. They are filled with the opportunity to serve you as well as the needs of other souls with us. This opportunity to teach, this opportunity to guide, to console, is rewarding for us as it is for you. Each of us welcomes every opportunity when you are open to our presence in your lives. It is the opportunity to strengthen, to give light, to demonstrate love, to provide hope and comfort. You cannot imagine the joy we feel when you benefit from our efforts.

We always pray for peace for we see such terror in the land. We see terror inflicted upon another; we see terror felt in the hearts of many. Our vision of the world does not condone the terror, it does not condone the pain, but our purpose is to strengthen you in the presence of that pain, in the presence of that terror. Life for us is

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free of pain. It is free of sadness. It is free of discouragement and anxiety, but despite our freedom we feel a particular allegiance to all humanity.

Each of you has *guides*, not just one. You have one guide that speaks directly to you, but there are countless others who serve to reflect God's wisdom upon your soul. So in fact, you have many who wish to support and sustain you because you are loved by them. You are actually loved by every spirit that is with us. Think about that and what it means. Every soul that has joined our experience as spirits loves. They love—not just one individual—they love *all* individuals. Every soul is the embodiment of love. You are not just assigned a single teacher, for all that has been created is involved in your individual spiritual development. It is a community of love of infinite size. As soon as you assume that you have one guide who is responsible just for you, that implies that such guide is not involved in the growth of another. That would imply that souls reject or turn their back to another in order to be responsive to a given individual. That is not the way of the spirit. The spirit is all-inclusive. The spirit loves all. The spirit accepts all souls, all human beings. Therefore the network of guidance has virtually no limit.

You are cared for because all souls are concerned for your growth, for your spiritual well-being. It is a powerful concept because it means that no soul, no individual is left out, no individual is being rejected by another soul. There is no such thing in our life as being too busy or too focused on a task to devote attention and love to another. That simply cannot happen. Parents do not naturally turn their back on one child in order to assist another. Parents are concerned about all children and so it is with the spirit world.

We are engaged in the lives of all. There is no individual who is either above the need or beneath the need for such engagement. All of you are valuable. All of you are sacred. All of you are godly, even those who create the most serious crimes imaginable. *All* are sacred. It is impossible for human beings to conceive in their minds a world, a state of existence that is so totally consumed by absolute, unconditional love. It is not the human way of life. You may understand our description of spiritual living from our perspective, but it is extremely difficult to fully comprehend the implications of such an unrestricted, giving, loving, compassionate reality.

Our worlds are very different. All that you experience which is negative has no place on our side. All that is affirming and that gives joy and comfort and a sense of well-being in your world *is* a part of our existence. What we share in these two planes of life is the common experience of a joy born out of love in all of its manifestations. That is a common experience that stays with you for eternity. It is for that reason that you are urged to seek what is positive, to seek what is joyful, to seek what is affirming because that is what remains permanent in your lives. All else is lost. An understanding of our experience, therefore, may help you to provide a context with which to apply all that you learn through these spiritual communications. We emphasize the positive, we

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emphasize what is beautiful, we emphasize the commonality of all creation, we emphasize the benefits of unconditional love, we emphasize the value of compassion, of giving. That is what remains with you for eternity.

Your lives, therefore, are best directed when they welcome that which is eternal. When a life is structured in such a manner, the transition into a spiritual plane is smooth and joyous. The difficulty that some souls experience comes when a soul has been surrounded by negativism, by competition and jealousy, when a soul has been surrounded by a consuming anger, when a soul has been surrounded by an atmosphere of self-absorption, self-importance, judgment. To be relieved of all of those experiences suddenly leaves the soul confused. That is the root of that confusion, for the soul experiences an existence that seems in some way foreign.

All souls eventually are brought into the fold of unrestrained love and compassion, of intensely bright light—a light filled with warmth, a light emanating from God whose light all of us come to recognize. Let that light become a part of your light. It is our prayer that your souls will become reflectors of God's light. Reflection always goes outward—It never is kept within. Reflect the light as you see it. Open your eyes that you may see the brilliance of that light. When you do so, your reflection will be blinding in its love.

You are blessed in that light and you share with us its warmth and constant presence.

Amen.