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Primer on Love

It's that time of year when big business reminds us of the "need" to fill their coffers in order to prove we're loving/loveable... so let's do an issue on Love.

Because the word "love" means different things to different people, THE WAY of Intelligence uses a specific, old vocabulary of four words to define love. Each of these "categories" of love has many levels.

PHILO is used for the feeling of liking things, things to your taste, things of beauty, anything. It can be on any level from the pure sensation ("I love chocolate") to affability, to say, suicide, because "I 'love' non-disturbance more than life itself."

PIA is the feeling of nurturing. Hormones jump-start it for new mothers, no doubt to help the newborn survive. It can range from "warm fuzzies" over a picture of a kitten to the certainty that you would give your life for your child, or further, for any other.

EROS is the attraction between the sexes. Most adults are aware of the various levels, from base to ecstatic.

The variations of the above are what usually passes for "love" in human society. However, philo, pia and eros are common to all mammals (and some birds) and are nothing, really, exceptional. They can be raised to a new dimension when

completed by the fourth "type" of love, which THE WAY of Intelligence calls AGAPE.

The definition is this: Agape is the *understanding* that whatever I or another did, does, or will do, is thought at the time of doing to be right or proper or justifiable.

Agape, too, has levels. The lowest is the mental acceptance, after observing self and others, that this is the case, and therefore if I felt right or proper or justified, then everyone else does, too. It doesn't *make* anyone right, necessarily, but it shows that no one can act without *feeling* right at the time of the action.

This is the lowest level because it is mental--one must put the feeling with it to experience real love. The feeling comes with the action (the physiology of it, not just an idea), and that could be called compassion. When first three are completed with the fourth, one knows love--one doesn't "love" as a choice, one simply lives in love. That's the way it is (and THE WAY It Is).



Following is a transcript of a Rhondell talk Rhondell on eros; then various ancient and modern passages that may sound quite different if understood from the Intelligent point of view.



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Sexuality

From a talk given by Rhondell

There was a request for a given subject to be discussed. Being rather incompetent to discuss it, I will be like the doctor I was told about when I was going to school. Said he was a "fit" specialist. He was just perfect, he could handle anybody that had fits. One day, a man came in with pneumonia. He said, "Well, I really don't know a thing in the world about pneumonia, but if we can just drive it into fits, I'm just hell on fits." This is the way of sex, if I can turn it into integration, I'm hell on integration. Let's see if we can do it, okay?

Sex is the great symbol, for one thing. It is the urge to union. Without it no one would possibly ever be interested in putting themselves together, because there is this constant urge to union, which of course is the symbol of the union of the human being. That is sometimes referred to as the sexual urge. Freud referred to it as the libido, which is the constant urge for union.

If the person joins the union in man and woman, male and female, there is a great possibility of a new life coming. Where there is a union of X and awareness and one is together again, there is a new man, a new being. The new man would never occur if it were not for this urge known as sex.

Like every other thing that man has available, he generally messes it up by turning it upside down. One of the things that comes from the union of the person, when he is Oneness, is joy, beyond all comprehension. Sex, of course, brings about certain pleasurable sensations, which is a symbol again of the joy of being one within ourselves instead of being fragmented into separate aspects.

In the urge to union, man finds the sensation and, being a servant of the senses rather than allowing the senses to be a re-

porter, he becomes a slave in trying to have the sensation in ever increasing degree. Consequently, having an ideal set up that the sensation should be some great something that it seldom is, most people feel that they are somewhat disappointed in sex, they expected more of it than it was designed as its great symbol to perform, and it was not the sensation they expected so they look for something to blame.

When a person is disappointed the first thing they do is feel hurt, put-upon or mistreated in one form or another, then of course they look for blame and when they find themselves to blame, they feel loaded down with guilt, or they find somebody else to be the blame and come up with fear. So anger, fear or guilt are the common states a person has when they recognize sex only as a way to have sensations. They are a slave to the sensations. They are angry or they feel guilty or they are fearful concerning sex. That turns it into everything except the symbol.

When any action is misunderstood (when any function of the human being is misunderstood), there comes about stressful states. If it is understood, that it is a symbol of union—it is much like, possibly, a sacrament known as "Bread and Wine", which is to be done as a reminder. If sex were a reminder, that this is the urge to union, the union that really counts, is the union within. The person is ONE, WHOLE. Of course, two people in an act of embrace can be one, for a little while. That is not its only purpose. It is the purpose of supplying the urge towards this inner union in which a new man comes about. This is the new man, this can be the symbol of it and, of course, there is the possibility of a new life there.

Sex is a great symbol of integration and when performed can be considered to be such. One uses it as a reminder, then sex is a

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sacrament. If it is misused, it is an urge to have some sensation, hoping to find the ideal, then it becomes a form of insanity, and leads to every form of stressful situation.

Sex is a very natural state of affairs. I tell people I grew up on a farm. We had hundreds of animals on the farm. My father owned a considerable sized farm and he had a lot of saddle horses, a whole bunch of cattle, a whole bunch of sheep and hogs and dogs and cats and all these. I never saw a one of them have a sex problem. But human beings are continually making it important. These things out there, they didn't make it important, they just used it for what it was, an urge to union and a new creature came into being from it. That was all there was to it. They didn't get any guilt feelings over it, they didn't have any embarrassment over it, they didn't have any fear over it and they certainly didn't have any anger over it unless someone else started cutting in on the act. Once in a while, one bull knocked another one down but they soon found who was the biggest and that ended that show. There was no problem concerned with it. Growing up in that place, I ever saw that there was much of a problem with it.

Of course as I began to study things in a different world, it was fairly easy to see what it all amounted to. It is this urge to union. When so recognized and so seen, it is a sacrament. When it is not seen as such, it is perversion of a sacrament and that is called blasphemy, I believe, is that right? There's another word for it too, not just blasphemy at any rate, it is desecration, that's the word. It becomes an act of desecration when it is used only for the idea of gain sensation and escape pain.

In the modern world, obviously, this gets to be very commonly known, it is used with the attempt to prevent any possibility of a new life coming into being. Every urge has prevented it. Obviously, this is re-

flected in the inner state of every being, then they are also using every device possible to prevent the new man from coming into being, because they want to prevent that union from forming any returns. When one interferes with it on one level, one is pretty apt to be interfering with it on another level. When one deliberately interferes with the reproductive function, to prevent it from reproducing a new life, one is obviously not interested in the fact that it might produce pleasant sensations. Such, of course, would result in all manner of frustration because it will never produce the ideal sensation or what one wants, or if it does, one wants more. Then we can begin to sell aphrodisiacs. There is a great demand for those. Most people don't know that, but I used to have, when I worked as a general practitioner, an average of fifteen requests per week for aphrodisiac. You know what an aphrodisiac is? That's something that will stimulate the sexual urge so that we could gain more and more pleasure. So the whole idea is that sex is for pleasurable sensations only and if it doesn't produce the ideal one, there is some tremendous problem that should be straightened out, is rather erroneous.

When one sees it for what it is, one recognizes the beauty of a sacrament and it is practiced as such, not as a perversion as it means to try to gain ever-increasing stimulus of pleasant sensation. As long as it does that you will have nothing but problems over it, call them what you will. As long as one sees it as a sacrament and it is practiced as such there is untold joy. It is a definite aid then, towards the person going toward total oneness within oneself. As long as it is used as a struggle towards an ideal, pleasant sensations, it is a disintegrating factor like anything else.

Okay, I twisted that one into "fits" pretty good, I think,

When it is used for its purpose, it is sacred and beautiful, when it is used for anything other, it is profane and a desecration. ♥

Surrender is the key to union, whether of the female in eros or awareness in integration. Letting go of the self made up of ideals, expectations, fear, demands, knowing... everything.

Come, O aloof one,
A glimpse of your body has caught me.
My name?
Call me the girl
whom separation drove mad.
Night and day there's a fish
thrashing
next to the water--
servant Mira dies at your feet
and she calls you the
Giver of Joy.

[From *For Love of the Dark One*, Songs of Mirabai Translated by Andrew Schelling, Shambhala Centaur Editions]

Love is the willingness
to give up a part of yourself

you think you know,

to discover a part of yourself
you never knew existed.

[From *This Ecstasy*, by John Squadra. Available from Harmony Workshop]

Once your love came,
Thoughts died in front of Him.
Your love is the real dawn,
Mind is a phony morning.

O mind, don't look
For either Union or Separation.
How can you desire to meet
Someone who is not absent?

[From Rumi, *The Glory of Absence*, translated by Nevit O Ergin, Echo Publications, 298 Calle Cuervo, San Clemente CA]

This is Love: to fly without limits
to cut through all the veils--now!
The first instant--to reject the life you
knew.

The last step--to give up feet entirely.
To see right through materialism,
To refuse to see addiction as inevitable.

"My heart," I said, "be grateful that
you have entered the circle of lovers,
that you look beyond what the eye sees,
that you feel the heart's twists and turns.
My inner self--are you out of breath?
My heart--what's all this commotion:
My bird of a soul--speak in your own lan-
guage:
I can understand what's behind your
song."

My soul-self answered:
"I remember now:
I was in the pottery studio... clay and wa-
ter are mixing...
a new body being made, which is...
another workshop, another studio, my new
home...
then I feel fire, something's baking. ... I am
trying to escape!
But they grab me. When I can no longer re-
sist,
they begin kneading and molding me into
shape,
just like all the other lumps of clay.:"

[From *Desert Wisdom*, Sacred Middle Eastern Writings from the Goddess Through the Sufis, Translations and Commentary by Neil Douglas-Klotz, excerpt from Rumi; available from Harmony Workshop]



In addition to its function as a symbol, a sacrament, eros is also a terrific school, as most of us know! An old anonymous text, *Life's Word*, alludes to this--without giving an actual lesson plan... The excerpt follows. The complete version at www.PictureofMan.com or from HW.

Chapter Eight from Life's Word (Anonymous)

The Eighth Mystery is the Mystery of Regeneration.

Thou canst not obtain this mystery by striving, nor by study, nor by belief. It shall be a growth of the character of thy body.

Unless thou hast suffered the seven first mysteries in thy body, and hast left thy body free to be controlled by Me, thou canst not feel in thy body this Eighth Mystery.

In past times I revealed unto my people the mystery of generations and marriage, and sanctified the bodily union of the married unto generation, that by generation after generation I might develop a body capable of regeneration.

If thou hast not developed the Seven first Mysteries in thy body, this Mystery of Regeneration is not for thee. Then it is well for thee to cling steadfastly to the ancient mystery of marriage and generation, rearing children in love and tenderness, in the sacred, true and faithful marriage relation.

But when thou art inspired by Me and have cast aside, as no longer part of thy nature, all desire and fear and all striving after thine own pleasure, then thy marriage will reveal unto thee the holy Mystery of Regeneration.

Herein is this mystery that thy body will not act the same when inspired wholly by love as it did aforetime when governed by desire. When it is inspired by love it will strive only for the pleasure of thy mate and no longer for its own pleasure. Then the sacred distillation of thy strength will not spend, but will be redistilled unto the renewing of youth.

Thou wilt not suddenly enter the life of Regeneration. Thy body will not change completely when the first inspiration of unselfish love comes unto thee. Many times shall the old feeling of desire come back to thee, but ever will I inspire thee more and more with the sweet patience of

My pure love, and thou wilt more and more realize the life that I am living within thee.

Dost thou say, "The mate which I have taken is not now my ideal"? Yet shalt thou see that thy mate is the best one for thee, and that I have Myself provided such a mate for thee that I might teach thee unselfish love. For I will inspire thy heart with love that will ask for no return, no faithfulness, no kindness, no support. And I will give thee such joy in that love that thy body will be glorified and rejuvenated.

As long as thy heart is not ready for the inspiration of My love, thou wilt seek to obtain love from others, and will be dissatisfied with what thou dost obtain, for thou canst only live in the love radiated from within thine own body. But when the fullness of My life shall come unto thee, thou shalt rejoice in the mate thou hast and shalt love that one with a gladness that shall triumph over every fault. For a selfish mate gives thee the opportunity to be unselfish. Also a cross mate gives thee the opportunity to be sweet-tempered.

Yet have patience and know that if thou art now yet a radiant center of love and unselfishness and sweet temper, still thou shalt become such. And to that end do I send thee trials that thou mayest learn to exercise those qualities which others seem to thee to lack.

So it is well for thee to cling to the ancient sacrament of marriage in thy days of desire and in thy days of inspiration, for it shall be unto thee a trial and yet a joy, and out of it will grow thy real strength.

Yet I do not command thee to heed these words, for My message is only what thou canst receive, and if thou dost not believe these words to be My message, yet they shall thy disbelief have some effect upon thee, and whatever the effect upon thee may be, THAT is My message to thee. ♥

Awareness & Union

Some modern women might detect a subtle sexism in some of THE WAY of Intelligence material regarding eros, and I tend to agree--if one takes it literally, not symbolically, as it is intended. The "feminine" Awareness is the receptive, the submissive, the vessel to be cleansed to be filled (and beloved) while "masculine" X is the initiator, penetrator, assertive "filler" of the vessel (and lover).

Some years ago I wrote about this in *Sophia, Wise Woman's Journal*, and I thought a rerun might be appropriate for this issue's theme.

Mary's Jar

And one of the Pharisees desired him that he would eat with him. And he went into the Pharisee's house, and sat down to meat. And, behold, a woman in the city, which was a sinner, when she knew that Jesus sat at meat in the Pharisee's house, brought an alabaster box of ointment, and stood at his feet behind him weeping, and began to wash his feet with tears, and did wipe them with the hairs of her head, and kissed his feet, and anointed them with the ointment. ... took Mary a pound of ointment of spikenard, very costly, and anointed the feet of Jesus. And the house was filled with the odour of the ointment. ... And he turned to the woman, and said unto Simon, Seest thou this woman? I entered into thine house, thou gavest me no water for my feet: but she hath washed my feet with her tears, and wiped them with the hairs of her head. Thou gavest me no kiss;: but this woman since the time I came in hath not ceased to kiss my feet. My head with oil thou didst not anoint: but this woman hath anointed my feet with ointment. Wherefore I say unto thee, Her sins, which are many, are forgiven; for she loved much..." [Luke 7:36-38; John 12:3; Luke 7:45-47]

Of the forms I admire are containers, especially beautiful bowls or jars on pedestals or other stands. I see them as repre-

senting a Soul carried by the physical body or lampstand; the bowl is the Soul, the lamp, and the contents, of course, is the Light. I think of this form as "Mary's Jar," full of something precious (the precious contents of her jar symbolizing Spirit) which, by giving back to Spirit, represents Spirit loving Spirit, or, simply, Love. Real Love permeates everything (as the odor permeated the Pharisee's house) and there is no telling where the object of love and lover begin or end because they merge. Especially I like that she anointed him, rubbed precious ointment into his flesh... what an earthy image, a holy act of love between "masculine" and "feminine," where they become one, are no longer separate, but in union have created something new.

She is down on the floor (the foundation), at his feet (his purpose). Yes, she is "subservient" to Spirit, as are we, Awareness is. Spirit existed before our having entered this realm. Spirit incarnated into the unique expression here that is you, that is I. We are something new, and need to "create ourselves" in order that Spirit experience all we can do.

But "subservient" loses its meaning when the process is seen, when all works together. Ibn al `Arabi puts it perfectly: "Where then is His self-sufficiency since I help Him and grant Him bliss?" We are needed.

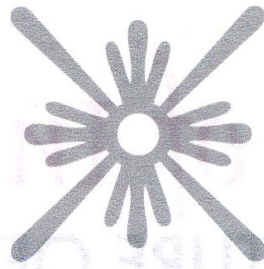
The lamp and the lampstand work together in this earthy realm, to support and direct the Light. That is the "duty" of each of us. But duty becomes privilege when imbued with Love.

The story of Mary at the foot of her Lord represents the union of Spirit and Awareness, "and the odour filled the house." A purified Awareness will radiate the light throughout your house--and beyond. ♥

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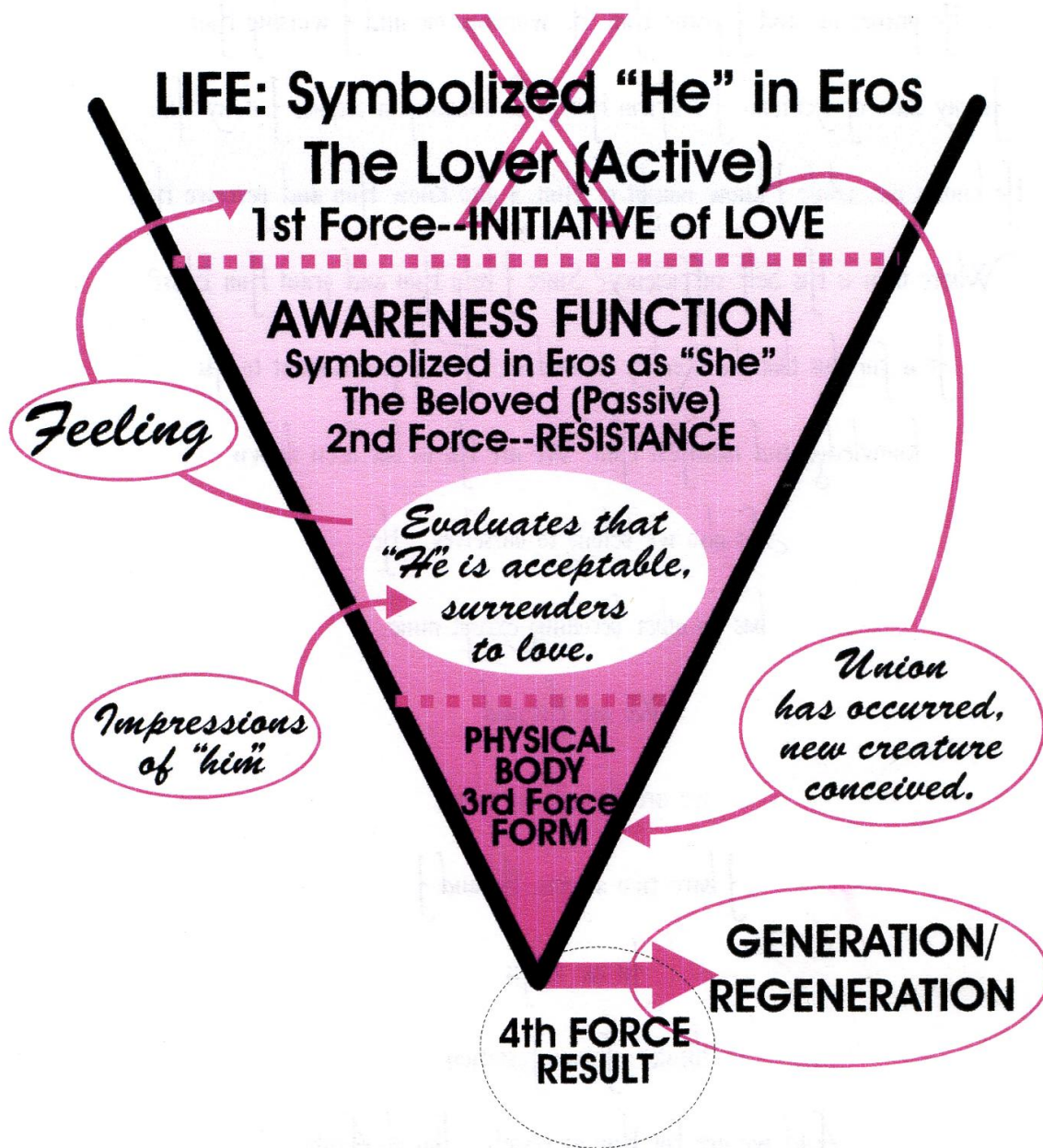


He praises me and I praise Him. He worships me and I worship Him.
In my state of existence I confirm Him. As unmanifest essence I deny Him.
He knows me, while I know naught of Him. I also know Him and perceive Him.
Where then is His Self-sufficiency? Since I help Him and grant Him Bliss?
It is for this that the Reality created me. For I give content to His
knowledge and manifest Him. We are His as has been shown.
As also we belong to ourselves... He
has no other becoming except mine.
We are His and
we are through ourselves.
I have two aspects, He and I.
In me is His
theater of manifestation.

And we are for Him as vessels. ~Ibn al Arabi

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THE PICTURE OF MAN with Eros as a symbol of function



Reference Section

THE WAY of Intelligence

THE FOUR FORCES

INITIATIVE

First Force

Intelligence, Biological Factor, LIFE

RESISTANCE

Second Force

Always arises to meet Initiative in opposition, as opponents in a game; not "bad" but seen so when the purpose of living is to be non-disturbed because Resistance may be uncomfortable. Resistance is required for anything to develop.

FORM

Third Force

The manifestation of the play of Initiative and Resisting, producing:

RESULT

Fourth Force

How the above are experienced,
What's done with/about it.

THE FOUR QUESTIONS

WHAT AM I?

WHERE AM I?

WHAT'S GOING ON HERE?

WHAT CAN I DO, IF ANYTHING?

THE FOUR GREAT GAMES

that operate by suggestion:

POWER POLICIES--Decrees what's "in" and "out"

MEDICAL ARTS--Decrees what's "normal" and "abnormal"

THEOLOGY--Decrees what's "good" and "bad"

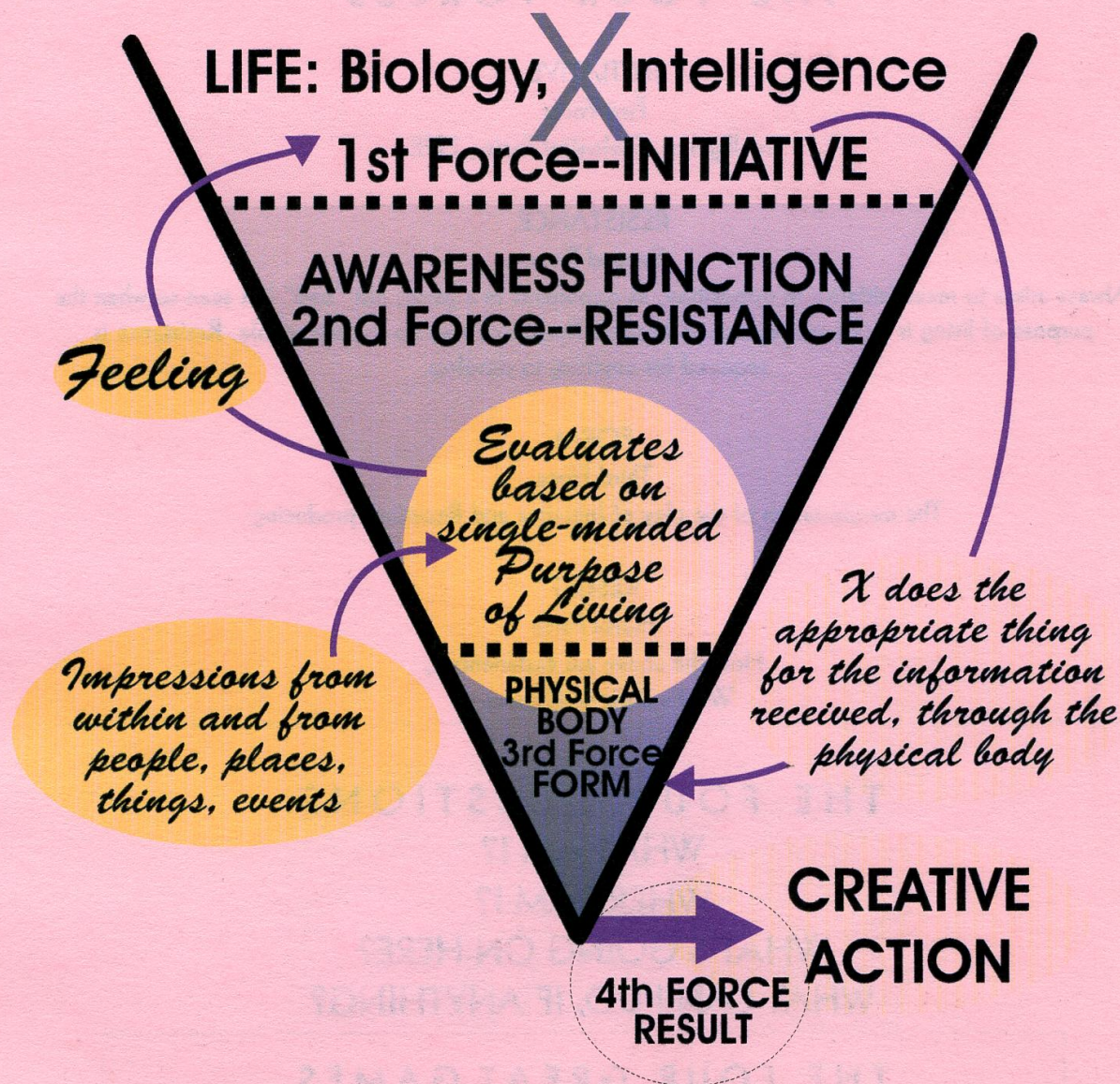
BIG BUSINESS--Decrees what's "pretty" and "ugly"

Definition of **SUGGESTION**: a threat or promise; anything presented with a threat or promise

A human being is 100% **SUBJECT TO** suggestion 100% of the time, but can be free to ignore it.

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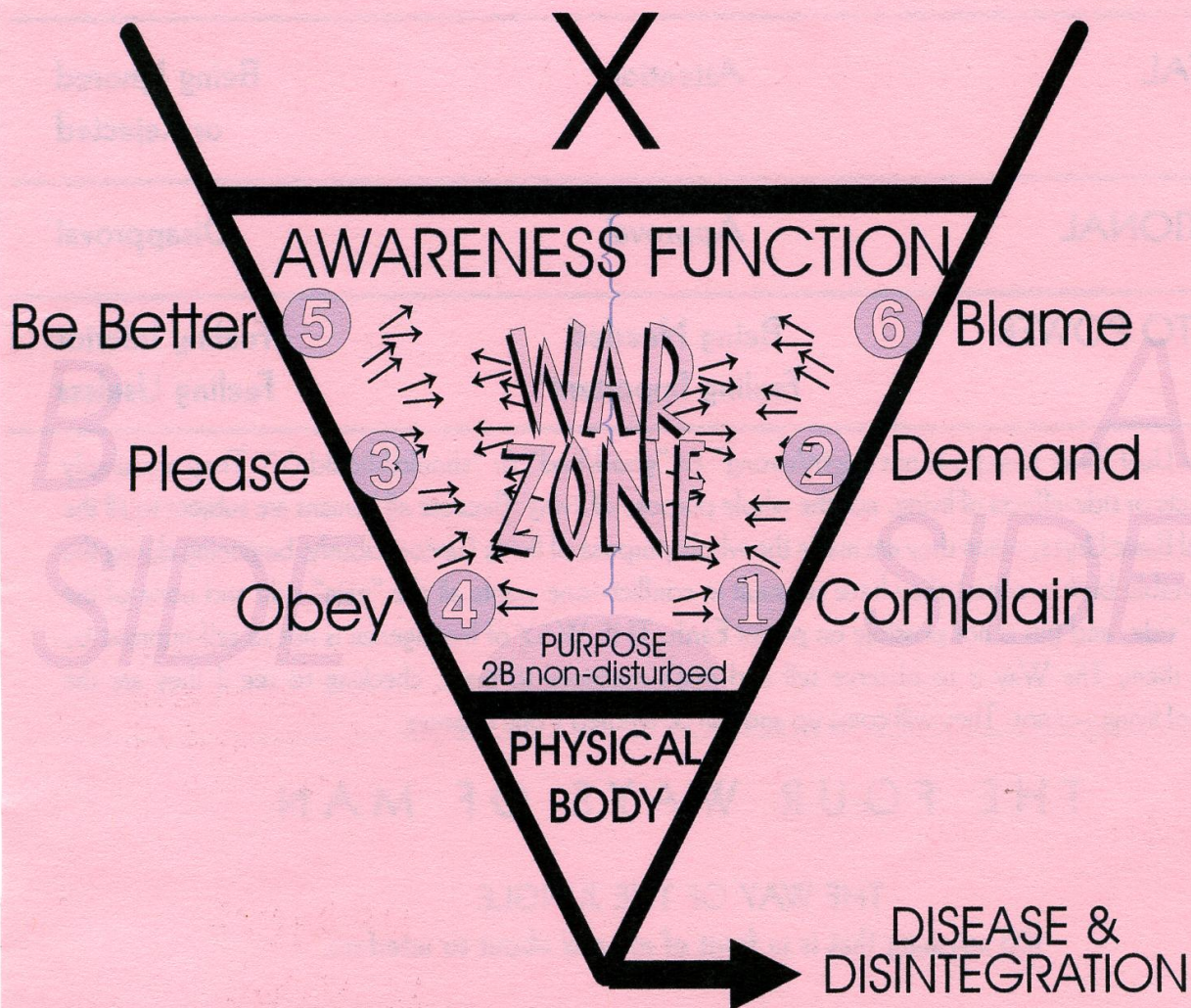
THE PICTURE OF MAN as designed to function



A human being has four aspects, which are not separate but are interdependent. The first is the biological aspect of LIFE FORCE, called X here because it is not really definable--one knows it's there, one knows when it isn't, in any creature. So, as in algebra, an X is used to denote that something is there which cannot yet be precisely defined. Next is the AWARENESS FUNCTION, which is the senses but more than the senses when developed. A developed Awareness Function is more than the "programming" of the brain, it determines feelings. The third aspect is the MOTOR FUNCTION, the PHYSICAL BODY through which life is lived. The fourth aspect is the ACTIVITY of the whole. When a single-minded purpose is the foundation of a person's life, there is no conflict and he or she functions with all aspects in harmony. The person is at ease.. The Awareness Function receives impressions from within and without, from other people, places, things, events. It forms a feeling about those impressions which it does not choose to ignore, and the feeling is in tune with the purpose of living. The feeling of Awareness is a medium of communication with the Life Force, X, which responds appropriately through the Physical Body to the information received, and Action ensues.

The Way of the World

THE PICTURE OF MAN
with purpose of living to be non-disturbed



Few people function as the human being was designed as in the previous diagram. When infant is born, the trauma of leaving the non-disturbed uterine world is reacted to with feeling that the whole purpose of living is to regain the non-disturbed state. That decision becomes the attitude and action from then on. As he grows, the child makes more decisions to how to gain his purpose of non-disturbance. He complains, which works for an infant. When one day this fails to work, he sticks up for his "rights", or demands non-disturbance. (These begin the A-side of the Picture of Man.) Eventually he finds that pleasing people sometimes gets him his way. (This begins the B-side.) At this point conflict sets in. He wants to cry "but" feels he "should" please. Then he sees parents, teachers, others as authorities. This is understandable for a child and helps keep him safe. It is not adult behavior, however. The continual conflict between what he wants to do and what he "should" do (conflict between A-side and B-side) intensifies and he feels if he would improve, things would be better. This doesn't work, either, and he blames everyone and everything for his disturbances, living in conflict, except when distracted. Conflict is felt by the Awareness Function to be an emergency. This false emergency is communicated to the Life Force, X, which always does the appropriate thing FOR THE INFORMATION RECEIVED, in this case supplying energy to fight or run. If this mobilized energy is not used in violent activity, it disintegrates the body; using emergency energy in a non-emergency is unusual behavior; neither is harmonious living. Eventually disintegration ensues.

THE FOUR DUAL BASIC URGES

LEVEL	GAIN	ESCAPE
PHYSICAL	Comfort, Pleasure	Pain, Discomfort
MENTAL	Attention	Being Ignored or Rejected
EMOTIONAL	Approval	Disapproval
WILL TO POWER	Being Needed Feeling Important	Feeling Inferior Feeling Useless

The Four Dual Basic Urges are not "right/wrong" or "good/bad" or "should/shouldn't". They are simply byproducts or side-effects of living, not the whole purpose of living. Because all humans are subject to all the Four Dual Basic Urges, when they are made the whole purpose of living (unconsciously, beginning during the uncomfortable birth process) they have to result in conflict--one wants all the "gain" side and none of the "escape" side, and this is not possible on planet Earth. THE WAY of Intelligence is not to self-improve by rejecting them; The Way is to observe self and one's reactions to them, checking to see if they are the purpose of living--or not. They will come up and can be ignored if one chooses.

THE FOUR WAYS OF MAN

THE WAY OF THE JUNGLE

Kill anything that is in front of me and about to interfere.

THE WAY OF JUSTICE

"An eye for an eye" --not your life for an eye.

THE WAY OF UNDERSTANDING

Understanding that whatever any person including myself has done, is doing, will do, is felt at the time of doing to be right or proper or justified with the light he has at the moment.

THE WAY OF INTELLIGENCE

Aware of the Purpose of Living, the will to do it--knowing what I am, where one am, what's going on, and what I can do. In charge of my inner state.

PLEASE NOTE: If you do not understand or have any questions about this information, please do one or more of the following: go to www.pictureofman.com and read the material there and view the animated, narrated PICTURE OF MAN video lecture; go to www.rhondell.com and order "Who's In Charge of My Inner State?" or any other book or tape listed there; request back issues of newsletters from Harmony Workshop at

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