



THE PASTIME OF REINCARNATION

“Wherever you go, there you are.”

~ *Zen Buddhist Saying*

“Do not adjust your screens. This is not a test.”

~ *Zen Risen Saying*

Thanks to Tim for one of the above quotes. If this chapter could consist only of these two ideas, a lot of earthly time might be saved.

“De nada, Aug. I agree—they more or less say it all—if *all* could be more or less to begin with, especially regarding the ideas of reincarnation and pre-existence. A lot of ‘time’ *would* be wasted if such ideas actualized in the way most tend to believe. There are always certain individuals who dare to journey over the edge where the world is believed to end. They discover that there are more worlds to explore beyond this edge and beyond every perceived edge. ‘Edge’ is yet another way to say ‘belief.’ We’re going to explore from a Risen viewpoint what many will consider an outrageous and even heretical suggestion—that beliefs about reincarnation are *mythical*. And that it’s all just a game, a pastime—literally, a ‘past time.’

“Many may be disturbed by the idea that returning to the Earth isn’t necessary. To suggest that it may not be a fact, well, that may get more than a few folks riled up and defensive about a much-perpetuated and intensely-embraced belief. Perhaps we could say ‘re-embodied, yes—reincarnated, not exactly.’”

“Well said, Tim—the simpler the better. I’m all for this being the shortest chapter, if possible—the subject somewhat intimidates me. But I know you want to tackle this pretty much on your own, right? That’s fine with me.”

“Indeed I do, but I make no apologies about length or if I seem to diverge at certain points, which are really all connected.”

“I’m speaking about the subject from my comparatively limited Risen experience, and certainly not as any final authority. With every piece of knowledge I acquire, more implications arise, suggesting that a particular fragment of knowledge is just that—a fragment—and is not a definitive description. Although I’ll be speaking in what appears to be definitive ways, I ask those reading and listening to keep their attention open and the ego-mind quiet, while not accepting what I say as the be-all and end-all. I’ll draw some conclusions but others may decide differently, while perhaps investigating further on their own. I propose that we consider the following information as suggestions and perhaps as implications, but not necessarily facts. Think ‘unconfined’ instead of ‘restricted.’ The universe is eternal and it cannot be said that anything is written forever in stone or in anything else, since everything, including stone, eventually changes into something else.”

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These words may not make conscious sense at this time,
but my spiritual senses comprehend and retain
this knowledge for Authentic Self.

“The ideas of reincarnation and pre-existence were part of a belief system I brought into my Risen existence. I kept expecting the subjects to crop up but they never did. When I asked about them I was met with varied responses. But some Risen folks, including a few I knew from my earth life, seemed to believe as I did and we spent a lot of energy discussing and debating, wondering and worrying. ‘What should we be doing to get ready for our next life on the earth? Who are the teachers to help me with this? Where and when should we start?’

“Someone suggested that maybe there was a special learning center with a library that dealt solely with the subject, but nobody knew how to get there. Usually if we desire something strongly enough here it will manifest within our reach. But perhaps we didn’t know enough about what to desire in the way of a learning center or library on this particular subject, because nothing of the kind appeared. And nobody seemed to know how to direct us.

“But I continued to ask. The responses continued to range from gentle giggling and shrugging of the shoulders to polite but firm answers of ‘Don’t worry about it, have a nice day.’ This attitude annoyed me because I believed it was important to start planning for an eventual return to life on earth so I could start over and do a better job. I also believed that we choose our parents each time we return to the earth, and this time I wanted to make a few changes!

“Being the pest that I am, I sought out not only my guides but others I perceived as having more experience and knowledge than myself, thinking they would confirm my assumptions of rightness. Being enlightened beings, they immediately sent me to a special school for pests, where even know-it-alls can be educated.

“Those lectures and class trips were extremely enlightening, and I’m honored to share what I now understand at this point. I can’t say I understand with completeness or even have all the information—in fact, I know I don’t. Keeping that in mind, here’s the first suggestion I offer—

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One’s reality is defined by three I’s ~
Individuality, Intensity, and Infinity.



“This will become more comprehensible as we begin to perceive certain essentials as they emerge from certain myths.

“Although a myth is usually regarded in your modern world as completely fictional, it’s based upon certain realities that were misplaced from the present consciousness of the embodied collective. Myths arise from the collective perspectives of all individuals as perceived through their physical senses, and become stories about a particular earthly hearth experience—‘hearth’ meaning ‘home,’ and on many levels. Notice that ‘hearth’ contains the word ‘heart.’

“Individual and collective experiences co-exist within simultaneous inner and outer spheres of consciousness. The inner and outer are really one whole experience, but limited human sense perception continuously manifests boundaries. In spite of every intentional belief to maintain these boundaries, mainly through stories, they are in constant flux and flow. These stories continue to be supported by everyone’s collective bodily memories of the hearth, which then become legends. These legends are collected, retold, deconstructed, reconstructed, often embellished, and even dismissed, forgotten, reviled, or destroyed according to present beliefs.

“Regardless of the form of their transformation, the legends continue to move further away from their source of origination. The use of writing and other arts allows many more people to share the stories outside the more restrictive oral collective, and hence the stories become changed, diluted, embellished, and so on, according to personal and societal preferences.

“No story is ever really lost, even as it sinks into the ever-deepening lower layers of the collective underconscious—to borrow your term, August—from

where they can be accessed and retrieved at any time and by anyone. Many of these resurrected stories are alike and inspire new versions to fit a modern world. Because these stories may no longer make sense to a modern mind, they are often distorted by the retriever in order to make them fit.

“The rituals that were evolved to store and access the stories often deteriorate or are lost, and the surviving ones might not translate to fit into the present cultural paradigm. These stories are evidence of past lives, but each life, while enjoining the collective, belongs individually to the one who lives it. Here, then, is another suggestion—

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Only one individual
can claim that individual's life experience.



“A myth is based upon facts that have not been lost but instead misinterpreted, mislabeled, or misinformed. The truths imbedded within the stories are still there right before people's eyes, but they can't or won't see or listen to what the stories are actually saying. The older and smaller, simpler societies who experienced their collective as imbedded Truths-Within-Nature-As-Nature observed that when a tree dies and falls down, baby trees often emerged from its roots. They knew that this was not the original, individual tree being reborn itself, but that new individual trees were arising from their shared source, the same source from which the former parent tree itself had emerged. For them, this was direct evidence of a Universal Creator Source and of that Source's universal love.

“They comprehended that the essence, or the spirit, of the parent tree, now invisible on their particular reality plane, was free of earth's embracing forces—including gravity—and re-embraced by new forces, manifesting elsewhere beyond the usual physical senses. That this former tree of earth still left behind a discernable imprint within the energy grid did not escape their attention. By focusing their awareness on this imprint they not only honored the sacred mystery of the tree's individual spirit, but also were able through this awareness to achieve heightened awareness of those astral geographies closest to the earthly plane. Eventually, through the particular path of survival-by-dominance that the evolving ego-mind was taking, most people relinquished these heightened senses, replacing them with ego-mind assertions that such experiences were not valid and could not keep them safe from death.

“The above outline of a tree's transition is directly reflective of the astral processes that echo earthly biologic processes. It also reflects the development

of the human psychological component whereby the *healthy* ego-mind, through trial and error, branches out by assembling simulate selves as tools for Authentic Self. Those that are deemed to be inadequate or inappropriate are “pruned from the vine” by the awake Authentic Self. Those that are positive are tended to blossom and bear fruit. These are bare-bones examples of how life appears to emerge in those Risen astral planes that resonate with and still interpenetrate humankind’s environments.

“Because of the withering of such finer ancient senses, the reigning earthly cultural view disables any abilities to perceive the underlying realities, thus rendering them invisible to the mind. Now, in your time, Nature itself is being disabled and destroyed by humankind, which means that humankind is destroying itself. When you attempt to destroy Nature you are literally destroying your hearth. Destructive thinking leads to manifested violence. Humankind is an inextricable part of Nature because, like the baby trees, their spirits arise out of the same spirit of Greater Nature. Humankind is now increasingly dismantling its own hearth, which contains the collective memories of countless individual homes. Decreased access to the collective under-conscious leaves a feeling of emptiness and longing, and so people are filled with increasing urges escalated by their ego-minds to fill that emptiness—even with stories that aren’t completely true or which have yet to be realized. These urges demand instant satisfaction regardless of the damages incurred, while neglecting the health of the overall collective and causing severe imbalances within the greater system.

“There are countless debates within the various Risen geographies closest to the earth about the meaning of the present ongoing and unchecked destruction of your planet. The Risen inhabitants of these areas generally still have a lot of interest and emotional mentality invested in their former earthly home, not having yet arrived at the evolved point where the associated resonance has ceased. Although this isn’t the place to go into it, I’ve become involved with another Risen book project. It will explore the evolution of the earthly ego-mind, its role, purpose, and how it mutates in order to survive the very recent upsurge of increasing numbers of embodied people who seek to erase, sublimate, or put it back in its proper role. The study is in aid of Risen Healers who assist new arrivals, whose ego-minds are still dominant and only able to navigate their surroundings through the fear the ego-minds used to achieve and maintain that dominance. Normally the ego-mind dissipates or sometimes transitions to a different, appropriate form that enhances rather than compromises the surviving individuality. Some Risen Healers feel that the ego-mind is retrainable before arriving, hence the upsurge in new books about it on your world.”

“A new book? Ye gods, Tim—can’t we finish this one first? And besides, I know next to nothing about what you’re studying.”

“Fear not, for not only Risen pests can be taught. And don’t worry, Dear Heart, this other book will be primarily the Risen’s duty to orchestrate, while your role will be to deliver the discernment.”

“Oh, *that’s* all? What a relief.”

“Just remember that sarcasm is a poor man’s laughter and you are far too rich to pretend to it anymore.”

“Thanks, I needed that. But pray, continue.”

“I give you an image here of your blue planet swimming in the Cosmic Ocean of Ceaseless Voyaging. Its never-ending development continually advances it as a new species in every unit of space-time. Although Earth appears finite, it is, in countless and generally unknown ways, infinite and non-predictable in its own evolution. This is because it is a living, organic being itself. Although it has long been studied by earth-born Risen, our terrestrial home is still a great creature of greater mysteries. Citing the repetitive tendencies of human histories, some see Earthkind’s present destructive actions as signs of evolution and an element of the process of earth’s unfolding nature, where growth appears as an occurrence from a four-dimensional perspective, like the movement of a pendulum swinging to and fro, further and wider. They wonder what the limits of this pendulum are and if it is reaching the state of its final limitations—many believe that it has. From multi-dimensional perspectives that are beyond the usual four—within most of humankind’s ken—there are yet other models. The spiral is one that well-describes the Risen perspective, a model that is greatly downsized and a relatively static example of higher dimensions.

“One related theory ponders that Earthkind’s actions may be part of a manufactured, collective human plan with the goal to eventually tear down their planet until it can no longer sustain them. Earthkind is always tearing down and rebuilding and this seems to be in its nature, possibly reflecting all of earthly substance’s process of growth and decay. These processes are maintained by uncounted numbers of species of terrestrial intelligences indiscernible to most humans. The term ‘manufactured’ is used here because of the apparent direct interrelatedness between these imperceptible species and that of humanity, suggesting extremely higher co-creative forces that enable, guide, and watch all life on earth, down to the last microbe’s little sneeze.⁶⁴

“It has also been suggested that humankind has somehow been programmed to dismantle the present, near-consensual dominant civilization on earth. This would result in the dissolution of the basis of Earthkind’s collective of life stories. Physical life on earth would no longer be sustainable,

⁶⁴ Tim is referring here to the sub-angelic nature beings, or *devas*—also known as the earth, water, fire, and air elementals and nature spirits of the astral-ethereal worlds. – AG

and so Earthers' spirits would be stimulated, as if by a catalyst, to seek out new homes elsewhere. It's theorized that 'Higher Powers' have initiated and are guiding this process. Earthkind has reached a kind of self-actualized barrier over which it cannot cross, primarily because it has resisted becoming appropriately individualized and has instead intensified its collective state as a defensive reaction of the dominant and collective ego-mindset. These collective efforts of destruction will automatically vest all individuals with the responsibility of having done so, therefore collectively binding them, to be swept up into a cosmic event that will take them to a new geography of being. From there they can recover from their earthly experience and begin to experience new levels of awareness, which were formerly inaccessible on earth.

"This theory suggests that Earthkind is being shown how to give itself a foot up. This would be no simple undertaking. Those who have succeeded in breaking free of the less- or non-conscious collective while on earth will have effectively reached an advanced individual awareness that will become their own evolving, conscious experience. They will no longer be subject to the binding powers of the collective, each having achieved a greater degree of personal freedom to leave and explore beyond the collective. Only the denser ego-mind, individually and collectively, would be able to survive on an earth of its shaping. And if it *did* survive such a cosmic event, it would have to return to the dense earth to pick up the pieces and start life anew—to reincarnate. However, neither the collective nor the individual ego-mind would survive such an event, therefore freeing all individuals of the dominance of their ego-mind and of the necessity for reincarnating upon the same earth left behind. This theory is one of evolution, and seems to suggest that some kind of earthly reincarnation has perhaps been occurring but is now being phased out in an evolutionary way—which is the subject of other related studies.

"The theories mentioned so far center upon individuality, particularly upon the individual's unique ability to perceive, acknowledge, and live a distinctive life. Such individuals differ from those who try to focus those same abilities to maintain beliefs of reincarnation, where the goals are different.

"Even Risen views about the knowledge gained about who we are and where we came from are still seen as 'ideas,' no matter how close to the truth they might seem. People on earth require evidence as proof, and so do the Risen who seek answers about these ideas. Many Risen desire confirmation, not just about earthly subjects but on every facet of Risen life as well.

"There appears to be some indication that the vast majority of Risen—perhaps all—did not exist as individuals prior to their human existence on the earth. This would mean that those of us who were born on the earth first came into existence there as individuals, from out of the timeless movement that became the first movement of all the finite time to be used for our individual life experience on earth. We have to start somewhere, and that is what the

earth is for. We arose for the very first time on Mother Earth, sparked into life to grow and become increasingly light-filled. It's like planting flowers—each year new seeds are planted and new flowers arise. The new flowers do not get replanted themselves nor do they revert back to their primal seed state. Instead they appear to be designed to extend life through a particular process known as 'reproduction' which is tailored—or 'designed,' as some Risen theorists assert—specifically for life on a planet such as the earth. The new seeds produced are then planted while the parent flower moves on elsewhere as a different state of energy. It has been observed on worlds in other dimensions that the life-extension process does not always follow this plan, which varies without limit beyond earthly comprehension.

“Evidence also suggests that we do not come from somewhere else before that moment of primal birth because there is no moment for us until we become individuated. There is no 'where' or 'when' until self-awareness awakes as the spark of light bestowed by Original Creator Source. From thereon, however, each of us is entirely and infinitely unique and always will be. This individuality, like the baby tree mentioned before, is seen to be Original Source's way of experiencing Itself over and over again, unto infinity. Here is an indescribably glorious and forever variable event of Life-Creating-Itself, becoming Self-Aware and ever evolving until Self-Awareness merges into All-Awareness with Itself, Original Source. Individuality is never lost, never assimilated, never watered down. It will never cease to grow and expand while becoming more individualized, all the while exploring its environment in relation to itself. So in terms of our individuality, there's always going to be plenty more where we came from and from where we're going. Within this context Earth is seen as the cradle of our nativity and highly honored by many Risen. As touched on earlier, there are others who would rather just forget that they ever came from Earth. And so they *do* forget.

“The purpose of Earth, then, would be as the starting place for our birth as an individual. It provides us with an initial environment in which to begin to get a sense of the individuality that is ours forever, and nothing more than that. If this is truly the primary purpose of an earthly life, and if that life is eternal, then people could stop trying to make it anything more. They could ease up and enjoy the wonder of ever-growing consciousness, of ever-rising awareness of self. What freedom there is in that! Even if they *could* be reborn back onto the planet, they would never be able to learn all there is to know, no matter how many times they return—which some seem to believe is the absolute requirement for eventual de-planeting. As their time on the earth is, by default, limited in an earthly fashion, so then are the experiences within that time.

“There are Risen schools of thought that support the idea that we, as original, individuated sparks of life, do indeed newly rise from the womb of Earth, to live on and eventually leave, never to return. There are some in these

groups who are also investigating another related theory—that each life itself is but a spark from an unimaginably vast and older individuation that re-seeds itself, singly as well as inestimably, on countless worlds, in countless dimensions. These vast and ancient individuals are innumerable as well, and each was seeded from yet other even larger and older individuations. This process has been occurring on levels of complexity impossible to comprehend, as the potential collaborations, combinations, and groupings between all such individuals are infinite and unlimited. Within this context, each individuating person on the earth will also eventually expand to immense dimensions where they, too, will seed yet further sparks, all from an Original Source. This seems very like the ‘baby tree’ idea that earth’s earliest cultures had intuited.

“There are other theories spun off from this notion of mega-individuals. One of the simpler ones involves the notion of a group soul, where many individuals are sparked from a mega-being. Perhaps they will eventually all reunite into yet another mega-being, and/or merge, while expanding, with Original Source Being. These sparks would be seeded possibly on just one world, such as earth, or on several, depending on choices made by the Source Being. Perhaps even other dimensions would be utilized. Not all would necessarily be seeded at the same time in the same era, but most likely would be scattered across many time periods in order to gain a multi-experience as wide and rich as possible for the sake of the group mind and that of Source Mind. Thus they would all have varying awareness of Source, which might account for awareness of one another as well as individual feelings of pre-existence. This might explain the feelings of having lived other lives in other times. Individuals would also be connected to each other through their own evolving group underconscious. Their rate of return to Original Source Mind would be greatly different amongst them, spanning perhaps what an earth-mind might experience as trillions of millennia, or longer. There would still be an intuitive connection between those who have transitioned into the astral dimensions. The configurations would be creatively endless in order to achieve the maximal amount of experience, information gathering, and communication. Those who have strong intuitive connections with the sparked individuals in other dimensions might struggle with confusion about where their real natal home is.

“We might question why the advanced, more evolved beings simply don’t make themselves available to verify or disprove such Risen theories. It’s rumored that this sometimes happens, but on vastly advanced levels beyond Risen perception. For much the same reason that Earthkind seldom receives such definitive answers from the Risen, neither do the Risen receive answers from the higher levels of vibration. It is as much a matter of creation and manifestation as it is of learning, and while guidance might come from higher sources, giving the answers would not only be interfering but premature. In essence, there are no answers to be given, only to be uncovered—or

manifested, and, eventually, created. Earthkind and the Risen all have unlimited universes as their think tanks, laboratories, and playgrounds to explore, discover, debate, and wonder.

“Some Risen who exist in higher vibrational states intuit that there are astonishingly vast intelligences that watch, guide, and support our efforts, and take great joy and delight in doing so, as if caring for their children while not interfering in their unique processes. Some of these Higher Intuitives feel that if we came from anywhere before rising from the earth, we came from the All, which is all there is, and so therefore we are simultaneously each *and* collectively All-There-Is. It can then be said that we have always existed, and more succinctly, that our essence has always been an element of the Greater—and still is, as a *non-individualized* element of the Greater. Here and now, we are *individuated* All—all of us, and each of us.

“The dominant cultures of Earth’s 21st century are based on a sustained belief in limitation, as evidenced by the collective custom to unconscionably allow only a scant few to accumulate, limit, and control material wealth, paralleled by exponential increases in consumption and waste. After I was Risen I still carried my beliefs of limitation for a while, which kept me waiting and looking to be graded and tested on how well I did while on earth. Of course I expected to not do so well, and to fail at most things. The fear this generated made for a certain amount of confusion and chaos. When I saw that no tests were forthcoming, I asked about it. I was told point blank that tests could be arranged if that's what I wanted, but there weren't any prepared for me and never would be. At the same time I heard this, I saw and understood in a flash that so much of my life as lived on the earth was about using great amounts of energy to attract and create situations that would challenge and test me, rationalizing that it would be an indication of how good and worthy I was and was becoming, and also how ‘evolved’ I was. What I misinterpreted as tests were actually natural occurrences manifested by the Principle of Novelty—accidents, mishaps, mistakes, trials, whatever one might call them—which are the natural movements of manifestation. These occurrences were actually novel opportunities offered through the abundant gifts of Creator Source to enable me to move and grow in my immortal life.

“A lot of beliefs were instilled in me at an early age on earth, and I never thought to question them. Not questioning succeeded in strengthening all the illusions around the central belief of not being good enough, which then kept the belief of limitations going. The belief was strong enough to even convince me that something greater than me was arranging life situations to test me. This took me even further away from realizing the truth that it was little ol’ me who was doing it to myself, by completely denying that I was in any way responsible for manifesting the situations that I believed had to happen in the first place. Here, then, is my third suggestion —

~ III ~

When Original Creator Source gifts us with individuality,
It always gets it entirely right the first time.



“And so, I submit that the evidence strongly indicates that we cannot be re-individuated again. We are our own birthday present. I like to say that with increased awareness we become our own presence. My observation is that there is never any need to go back to do it again, for the universe is infinite and never-ending and will provide me with unceasing opportunities, always new, fresh, and alive, to explore, learn, and expand my self-awareness on a continual basis. I don’t need to claim more than one life because my one life is enough. Because this one life is eternal it will always be more than enough, which is the core meaning of ‘abundance.’ Other individuals will perhaps come to different, even radical observations of their own.

“Clearly, we *are* reborn upon our transition, but this rebirth is always into a new world and a unique state of existence, not back into the old one. The old one no longer exists—life is experienced in the continual *now*. We develop and carry forward the template for our new life. *We* are the template, and a new world will simultaneously arise from us as we arise from it, as a direct result of how we lived our lives on earth or from wherever we are continuously transitioning. The more brilliantly we live—that is, the more light-filled—the more spectacular will our lives manifest as we transmute ever onward. There are no limits to brilliance except as self-imposed. But even that is an illusion, for there is no real limit to anything.

“The beauty of the earthly material body is very temporary, for it serves to house the spirit body, which grows along with and as part of the material body. The body is like the shell of a seed and the spirit is the life-kernel of potentiality within. Both are a product of the original force of light that ignited the seeds planted within the darkness of the mother’s womb to grow, flower, and fruit. Another analogy is that our material body is the cocoon and the spirit body the future butterfly. In the process of the butterfly, the cocoon is quickly formed and then needs no more attention as it ages, becoming dry and brown. So, too, does the body quickly form and age, so that the spirit within can have a home to grow in, and from which it inevitably leaves. The more attention we give to nourishing the growing spirit body within us, the easier and more spectacular will our emergence be into our newly Risen state. The earthly human cocoon needs to fully and healthily form, and it’s disheartening to see how much attention is focused on preventing it from properly aging, while

very little consideration is given to tending the growing beauty of the spirit within. If not cared for while on earth, this neglect will have to be addressed afterwards—I speak from experience.

“It’s sometimes inferred that our spirits will take on new bodies again. Actually, our spirit will be our actual body, and then at some point it becomes the cocoon for the next transition. A higher vibrating form of spiritual being will then evolve from that event, eventually moving on to yet another new geography. So transition occurs due to the advanced state of spirit, meaning the higher evolution of the spiritual body’s vibration.

“As transition is inevitable to all on the earth, so is increased vibration, even if it’s just a little bit. Even the most seemingly undeveloped or malevolent persons eventually reach a point of higher vibration while on earth, and it’s always just enough to catalyze the process of transition and jettison them out of the material plane. Those who leave via forced or violent circumstances have enabled that means by their very vibration.

“At some point in your earthly life, Nature will induce ‘labor contractions’ that will culminate in your being reborn into a new life. Once the spirit vibrates at a high-enough rate, it will no longer be able to tolerate the gradual lowering of vibrations of a disintegrating earthly body, which eventually ceases to vibrate. The higher vibrations of the spirit body will literally begin to shake the earthly casing free and the two will start to separate. In spite of earthly medical attempts to interfere with this inevitable process, the material body can only continue to slow its vibrations until all its activity ceases. No matter how healthy you keep your body, it will eventually cease to function. It will then be reabsorbed back into the earth as well as into the many cosmic rays that continually wash over and through the material world.

“The spirit then becomes a newer form of body that is appropriate to the higher vibration. It cannot return to earth to be reborn once again because its new and higher state of vibration would no longer be appropriate there. Upon transition one is no longer spiritually human because of the higher vibration, and so cannot return to being earthly human in the equivalent way. The higher vibrating spirit cannot be made to vibrate lower for very long, as I’ve learned when having to temporarily lower my vibrations for the experiments with materializing to August on his earthly plane. And even then I had to use materials that came from his body, plus substances supplied by Risen Technician-Chemists, so that a suitable mix resulting in appropriate vibrations could be fabricated to contain my spirit. In spite of the great care taken I was often in discomfort, paralleling August’s experience where his lower-vibrating spirit was not comfortable in the higher vibrating material for very long.

“Upon Rising, it seems quite obvious that we will continue to evolve ever onward through higher—and sometimes, lower—vibrations, which means the birth experience also continues and evolves. It’s beyond my ken how long this

cycle repeats, until it perhaps transmutes to a different process. The transition experience is at its most primitive regarding our primal earthly birth. In the higher astral geographies, rebirth is a much different experience, where it's no longer a material matter of blood, sweat, and tears. It becomes a vibrant, living prophecy and gives great, ecstatic cause for joyful celebration. Although it's not the modern norm, there is just as much cause for celebration when someone transitions on Earth.

“Being fully Risen means being consciously aware of the present. There are those whose crystallized ego-minds and beliefs will temporarily bind them to the earth plane, so that they're disabled from immediately moving forward to become fully Risen on the higher planes away from earth. Intense fear, anger, resentment, and hatred are especially powerful elements that will cause such entrapments—longing and nostalgia will intensify these elements. If such negative emotions are outside of one's awareness or actively denied, this makes it tricky to find and get a handle on them to address and correct the malfunctions they cause. If such negative emotions are conscious and willful, embraced and energized, then a strong barrier is fashioned around the soul, making it opaque to the light of consciousness and sealing it off from light. This love-filled light, this light-which-is-love and true consciousness, is the only energy that can dissolve such barriers, and ultimately it does. It doesn't so much dissolve darkness as to simply illuminate that, in reality, there is no darkness there. Still, it may be æons before such self-imprisoned individuals can let in enough light to even adequately perceive their environment.

“These disabled spirits are by no means inactive, for they can influence still-embodied people, by attempting to continue to experience an earthly existence through somebody else's body, or more commonly by trying to share or displace an embodied ego-mind with their own will. They cannot do this in a permanent way, but due to their willful self-suppression and lowering of their vibrations they may achieve a form of rapport and thus influence an embodied ego-mind, and possibly gain near or total control of that mind's perceptions and then control of its behavior. The earthly embodied person then has the experience of losing their mind, and may be labeled by other embodied ego-minds as being off their head, deranged, unhinged, or mentally ill.

“I have heard one Risen theorist comment that ‘those who try to reincarnate are attempting to swim back upstream in the wrong direction.’ These disincarnates are unaware that they are leading less-than-healthy existences while swimming in the astral waters being ‘polluted’ by those attempting the same thing further upstream. This pollution arises on the earthly plane as contaminated emotional energy that is misinterpreted as evidence of past life histories. Those who elect to focus their minds on such energies in this way are unmindful of the miraculous gift of their own individuality, which is theirs forever to do with as they please. This freedom of

individual will allows people to focus on anything and in any way that brings pleasure. As always and forever, there will be no interference or judgment from Creator Source. 'One's pain is another's pleasure,' as it has been said.

"The inappropriate actions of interfering disembodied persons are just some of the factors that may shape the beliefs of pre-existence and of reincarnation. Their influences are mistaken by the embodied for their own thoughts. With these outside thoughts can come all the personality characteristics of the disincarnate, as well as the influences *they* inherited from others who influenced them while on the earth and then while disembodied as earth-bound spirits. This includes characteristics inherited from generations of earthly ancestors. Likes, dislikes, and even long-lost languages may be learned and assimilated between resonating disincarnate and incarnate spirits.

"The experience of remembering past lives may also be from the projection of character elements of an earthbound spirit onto the ego-mind of a receptive embodied person. Those who are convinced they have lived a previous life are actually recalling memories of those who have gone before them. Each disembodied spirit had its own individual life on earth, which the embodied person would 'remember,' seemingly quite clearly, and believing it to be a past life memory. The more closely resonating spirits there are who are involved in the influence, the more past lives may appear to be present. Risen Healers who work on the lower levels have said that word gets around fast when there are willing Earthers who desire to have 'reincarnation experiences.' Earthbound spirits will seek them out to try to relive their own previous earth life in order to relieve certain discomforts, all the while ignoring their own actual spiritual existence. There is a noticeable parallel here between those on earth who mentally and emotionally cannot or will not move on through difficult life challenges, and those on the lower astral planes who cannot or will not accept the change and move on with their transition.

"Hypnotists and their clients may give disincarnated individuals chances to reexperience the memory of what it feels like to have a material body with physical senses. The embodied who seek hypnotic past-life regressions are entering into an agreement to have their bodily energy fields altered. This enables the ideal conditions that attract, invite, and nourish the invasive projections of those disincarnates who are often influencing a susceptible incarnate. These same spirits influence the hypnotist to make suggestions to the client to maximize the conditions necessary to enable their agenda. A hypnotist can be hypnotized by spirits who are better at it and without the hypnotist's awareness of it happening. The hypnotist may also have a personal agenda to appear competent as well as a need to prove the existence of past lives, and so is a perfect subject for spirit influence. 'Buried past lives' that become 'uncovered' are really the dramas of other previously embodied individuals. Their stories may appear in the conscious awareness of the

embodied client at that time, but do not evidence that client's previous lives. In reality, the information is of someone else's life history.

“Like hypnotic states, daydreams and wandering thoughts are vulnerable mental conditions that are exceptionally open and impressionable and can be quite vivid in their reality. It's easy to lose a sense of self in these states. It's also simple for a disembodied spirit to induce trance states, and then insinuate impressions of itself while the daydreamer is unaware of it happening. Because the embodied person will be able to share in the discarnate person's memories, it will seem to be proof that they're beginning to recall a past life. But all that's being recalled is the past and even the present life of the influencing spirit. Unless someone has studied their own mental processes thoroughly enough to be able to recognize the difference between their own thoughts and the thoughts of others, all memories in the same thinking space will seem to be the same and therefore seem to be their own.

“Children, who have a minimum of life experience, are especially open and vulnerable to invasive earth-bound spirits, and easily confused and led to believe they have led a previous life. The misconception becomes more solidified when adults actively promote and push the child to continue the belief while pressuring them to produce more 'evidence' to promote their own adult agenda of fear-based beliefs in reincarnation.⁶⁵

“The Principle of Affinity enables the mutual attraction between similarly vibrating embodied spirits and earth-bound spirits. If Earthers are actively engaged in beliefs that encourage seeking what they believe to be 'reincarnational information,' they will attract that information, possibly in the form of an earthbound spirit, who then might join and even merge with their thought processes. Information may also come to them in the form of books or from other embodied people who carry intensified, energetic beliefs mirroring their own. The disembodied person's previous earth history, along with all experiential memories, thoughts, and emotions will not only become accessible to the embodied seeker but will rush in to fill the gaps that ought to be filled by the embodied person's own awareness of presence. Lack of self-awareness and intentionally opening oneself up to non-self influences, as well as the use of alcohol and certain drugs, will further ensure the receptivity of invasive forces. Continued and extensive substance abuse will cause the body-spirit-mind components to malfunction and thus will leave an embodied earth mind exposed to outside influences, and with lessened recourse and protection. Self-healing and scientific prayer can restore the correct energies needed to re-

⁶⁵ In her book, *The Field*, Lynne McTaggart suggests that children who profess past lives have actually picked up another person's life memories stored in the Zero Point Field, which is intimately related to Rupert Sheldrake's conceptual theories of morphogenic fields and current emerging findings in quantum physics that everything and everyone is connected. – AG

strengthen protection and immunity. Such prayerful techniques may also come from another to assist in regaining strength.

“Mental depression and low self-esteem caused and maintained by the ego-mind’s controlling hold on the embodied person can create receptive conditions for invasive influences. One of the great psychological afflictions of most of modern earthly societies is the pervasive lack of self-love, reinforced by society’s insistence that no one is ever smart, rich, attractive, or good enough. This seemingly inescapable lack, while totally delusional, is embraced as a personal belief by the majority and therefore reinforced by mass reactive behavior. That which is reinforced by the masses can be very difficult to breach. Certain drugs, which can often override the body’s organic natural and even artificial structures, are inappropriately encouraged to correct what are misperceived as pathologies. Often these drugs are suggested to the embodied by incorporeal persons. By rejecting their true, unique individual selves and wanting to be someone else, the embodied become ideal receptacles for those disincarnate who wish to have earthly corporeal experiences again. Although possession of a body is comparatively rare, possession of a mind via spirit influence is not. This cannot be debated for long after looking objectively at the obvious successful influence of the Global Madison Avenue. Those in spirit have even more direct access to minds easily hypnotized by such suggestive influences.

“Note that qualities of good or evil haven’t been attributed to invading spirit persons. While their lower vibrational conditions may provide harbor for negative emotions—often intense ones—not all of the disincarnate seeking to reexperience an earthly life have ill intentions. Some are malevolent and some are not, although all are misguided in some way because some form of fear motivates them. Any attempt to invade and use another’s life for one’s own is a misinterpretation of one of the most essential of spiritual reminders, ‘Do unto others as you would have them do unto you.’ Another way of phrasing this suggestion is ‘Each in all ways to one’s own.’ A simpler yet powerful Risen version is ‘Do not.’ I remember on earth when the saying ‘Do your own thing’ became popular and was later rebuked by society-at-large for promoting selfishness within the younger generation. Yet when ‘Do your own thing’ is instilled with tones of love, joy, and discovery it becomes a responsible, powerful, and positive affirmation for the evolution of one’s individuality.

“Those Risen who are particularly evolved may make themselves available for help and inspiration when called upon, but inspiration does not mean infestation. Some disembodied are so ego-self-absorbed that they become parasitical to survive. They become engorged on the embodied person’s energy to feed the crystallized ego-mind’s unyielding need for a sense of existence. They then gain more energy and the ability to continue to influence the embodied person. The embodied person’s ego-mind becomes a co-conspirator

with the spirit's crystallized ego-mind and the enlarged sensation becomes puffed up with self-assigned importance—it's more gratifying to have once been a wealthy prince instead of some menial ditch digger.

“The widespread beliefs in pre-lives, past lives, between-lives, and so on, show just how easily the embodied can be influenced. Mediums and channelers who do not properly prepare themselves, or are ignorant of or arrogant towards certain parameters, are even more prone to receiving and passing on misinformation, while reinforcing the mistaken perception-beliefs of others. If mediums are devoted supporters of reincarnation they may readily accept information from spirit persons who claim to be the past life of a client. They may rationalize any discrepancies by their own ego-mind-driven belief that they are ‘reading the client’s past life’—unaware that this spirit person is actually a separate entity from the client. This type of denial may feed the medium’s personal agenda of wanting to appear competent, powerful, important, special, and valuable. Of course a client who is needy for such validations will be led and drawn to the medium that will help fulfill that need, as directed through the Principle of Affinity. All involved become invested in one another’s fantasy. You wouldn’t believe the astral knots that arise from these kinds of relationship ties! And all the while, the one truly great marvel, the great gift of one’s own inimitable and unending individuality goes unacknowledged and ignored—and thus the spirit languishes.

“Down through the æons, innumerable influences have surfaced from the multi-dimensional depths of the human collective underconscious. These influences have sometimes been labeled as ‘archetypes.’ Individuals can and do share the energy of various archetypes, which are a natural result of the collective mind-experience of everyone who has even been born on the earth. A struggling young mother can find a source of strength by resonating with the archetype of THE MOTHER, which is the collective experience of all mothers. Or somebody who has been leading a repressed, stuffy life will somehow find access to THE FOOL archetype and finally be able to laugh at himself, and possibly be transformed by cosmic humor into a higher vibrating spirit. This particular type of laughter always raises the spirits—*double entendre* intended.

“The archetypes are your goddesses and gods, which have evolved in their own way to become various kinds of templates for human behavior. When accessed by individuals experiencing heightened awareness, these templates can trigger memories down to and beyond the cellular level—indwelling memories that belong not to the individual, but to the Collective of Individuals. Day-dreams, songs, walking into a room and smelling perfume, or a particular piece of architecture can activate these collective memories. Many individuals have attempted to explain their strong emotional reactions from these triggered experiences as evidence of having lived before as a certain person in a particular place and time. Because of the vast and complex connectedness of

the Collective of Individuals, synchronicity and serendipity arise naturally, seemingly lending support to the notion of reincarnation.

“Practicing conscious awareness of one’s individual self will enlarge the individual awareness. This means that one participates as one’s self with one’s self. The act of accessing collective memories adds to them while coloring, shaping, and enriching the overall Collective. This act of conscious observation does not increase the quantity of the individual’s self-awareness, but rather enriches its *quality*. Every individual human mind is a bud on a branch of the earthly Collective Tree. Those who are openly sensitive will be able to reach into other branches or collectives of other world-dimensions, which together continually co-manifest as a particular Universal Collective. Those who are less aware of their individuality will be more prone to believe that their experience of others is but a memory of another life of their own. But those who are *more* aware and take a conscious, active role in their budding individuality will be enabled to realize and honor all the other individualities with which they share existence upon the Tree of Life, while maintaining a separate—but not separated—expanding experience of individual awareness of one’s self.

“It has been observed that those of like mind and emotions are more likely able to find and access memories of each other, achieving an empathic connection that allows them to share past, present, and future timelines—this is the Principle of Rapport. Lives that are similar, regardless of where and when, resonate at all times—the Principle of Resonance. Spirit influence can also occur before the final transition from earth. When the body is asleep and the spirit is traveling in the astral, anyone can gravitate toward others of similar resonance. Time is extremely more variable away from the material body.

“For example—because of strong resonance, a 21st century person astrally travels to someone in the 14th century, who shares some of the same feelings and beliefs, and they may develop a relationship of a certain intensity. The 14th century person will experience influences from the mind and emotions of the 21st century person, who in turn will be affected and influenced by the 14th century person’s reactions and responses. Depending on the amount of self-awareness, either or both might treat any sketchy dream memories as real or not. Depending on her cultural and personal belief systems, the person of the 21st century might think she is remembering her own ‘past life experience’ rather than recognizing the fact that she is recalling somebody else’s life story in the past. The 14th century person might interpret his dream memories of 21st century technology as demonic and believe he’s being assailed or possessed by an evil spirit in his present. If one is negatively inclined and fearful, it might be perceived as an ill-intentioned being, or its actions interpreted as trying to ‘possess its victim.’ Although it’s now fashionable to believe that a past life is being recalled, if enough rapport is achieved between the two lives it may also feel like one is actually being personally contacted by another life form.

“*Consciously* sensing the lives of others who lived before us is now a mostly hibernating ability. The ego-mind, in its quest for maintaining an infinite earthly existence, influences its embodied host to steal others’ past identities to enlarge and extend its own sense of self. This extending of the ego-mind is in aggressive opposition to the divine truth that each of us, as a co-inheritor of all that our Source enjoys, is able to access a greater sense of self by realizing and feeling the actuality of one’s individualized self.

“The incarnate on the Earth spend most of their sleeping time in the astral, where they continue to live their lives. They form relationships with others, engage in manifesting and studying new things, go to lots of events and parties, manifest art, and explore other dimensional states of being. In short, your life does not come to a standstill when you hit the hay, to remain in stasis until you awaken and continue from where you think you left off. Your night lives are immensely more full, rich, varied, and utterly fantastic than your day lives. These astral life experiences are so unlike the waking life that it’s not difficult, for those who are so inclined, to rationalize any unusual memories as evidence of past lives. What’s more, most are completely incapable of consciously remembering even a thimble-full of their astral lives. Everything that happens in the astral becomes a memory stored in the collective mind, and these hidden memories will surface in infinitely subtle ways when invoked by resonating events as well as emotional and sensual triggers. Because they are not recognized for what they really are they become diminished and may be misinterpreted and reassigned as past-life memories by the ego-mind.

“For instance, a person is attracted by affinity to a particular Risen ancestor. They meet and converse on an astral plane, drawn together by their similarities, and generate resonance and amplification of thought and emotions. Upon leaving the astral the embodied kin will feel different—enlarged, enriched, and energized by the relationship—but because he hasn’t learned how to access the memory of their meeting may instead rationalize his feelings as having experienced a past life. To induce and support this rationalization, his ego-mind will search his memory’s store for suitable images and scenarios.

“During astral experiences, there is no ‘thinking’ as a person does while in the body because the bodily brain has been temporarily vacated. Instead there is a process whereby the astral-etheric mind-body experiences, observes, and records events while in the astral geography. Upon return to the earthly body, brain thinking resumes and the astral-etheric memory quickly disintegrates, broken up by the invasive, decision-making mechanics—or judgment—of the ego-mind. The ego-mind does this by using the brain to pick apart—or analyze—whatever it can access of the astral-etheric body-mind’s experiences.

“The ego-mind cannot communicate with the astral-etheric mind. Instead it reacts to the vibrations of the astral-etheric mind by producing emotions, which then produce images culled from a personal and limited memory store

of past events. These memories have suffered the inevitable disintegrative and warping effects of the ego-mind in its parasitical drive to govern everything from within its perceived, delusional domain. A desperate ego-mind will even feed upon itself, causing a unique form of exquisite pain that is the core feeling of all addictions, and to which the ego-mind compulsively returns again and again, unwilling and unable to cease its self-destructive thinking.

“Belief in survival in another body as a different life may be directly due to Authentic Self’s deeper knowledge that one *does* survive and arise in a new body—as Risen. This awareness is generally not explored sufficiently to allow for a following through to the correct conclusion. The conclusion would be that one does not start over in a new life in a different body but rather continues on with one’s single immortal life in limitless, infinite forms and relationships. This ‘one’ is just that—one—meaning it is *all* there is. And all is more than enough, isn’t it? So it appears we don’t get reborn backwards, which is yet another way of saying that we don’t return to do it again.

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These words may not make conscious sense at this time,
but my spiritual senses comprehend and retain
this knowledge for Authentic Self.

“Is this so hard to conceive? Those on earth are quite aware that the body they start out with is not the same body at the age of seven, twenty-one, or ninety-one. It’s not difficult to see that it is in continual fluctuation and never the same in any given moment. And yet it is also apparent that one is somehow still the same individual while this individuality expands and contracts, waxes and wanes, ever changing, ever responding to the Principle of Novelty.

“The underlying factor consistently supporting the generally unchallenged belief in reincarnation is that old nemesis, the fear of death. Authentic Self, which unfortunately is usually *not* a conscious part of most people’s lives, still inherently possesses the fact of survival after the material body’s ending. As we have tried to show in this book, the success of the ego-mind’s campaign to control the beliefs of the human-encapsulated mind is due primarily to its constant use of the fear of mortality—and even fear of immortality. The thought that one is immortal and will have to move beyond the earth, never to return, can be extremely threatening, especially if one has not taken the time to become informed of the facts about the process. Ignorance does not equal bliss but engenders fear. It’s not difficult for an ignorant and insecure mind to

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pretend it will be safe when sustained by the belief in a return to the well-known environment for more earth-based living. Westerners particularly have the misconceived notion that they are ‘pioneers’ of some sort and so have built an entire culture around ‘blazing new trails’ and ‘conquering new vistas.’ This notion about dominating the earth is so embedded in their psyche that many may feel a compulsive need to return to continue to divide and conquer as a means to identify and to acquire power.

“And if one has to come back, why not do it differently—better, bigger, richer, more beautiful, less boring, more successful, less painful? Who wants to come back as the same person living the same life all over again? From there it is only a few steps to the construction of an entire belief-system, perhaps a philosophy or a religion based on such fear-inspired motivations. Somebody will then have to play the role of judge to decide how and when a person can come back, who deserves a better life, and who deserves less. But since there is no judge outside the individual there is complete freedom to act as one thinks appropriate, including the belief that one must submit to the judgment of others in order to be rewarded or punished, as the belief system dictates.

“The Great Wheel of Rebirth is an idealized, self-perpetuating system—not one of gentle self-transition. This cosmic merry-go-round quickly gets very old. Yet ‘stop, I want to get off!’ is a cry seldom seriously heard. Only a very few individuals on the Earth who courageously take the idea of reincarnation to its final conclusion—and each in one’s own way—become self-aware enough to literally see it as an illusion projected onto a background of fear.

“Before what I’ve shared begins to sound too serious, the good news is that upon Rising most people will never feel any longing to jump back into an earth experience. Once they see what awaits them for having successfully left, the urge to return quickly fades. And everyone *is* successful. Even I, with my own beliefs about returning, soon came to see that deep down I really didn’t want to go back—I just thought I was supposed to want it. Be assured that everyone will eventually come to the self-realization that their one individual self is enough and always will be abundantly enough.

“It appears that there are a very few and rare individuals who return for specific roles as teachers and ‘spiritual politicians’—sometimes referred to as *bodhisattvas*.⁶⁶ But even they would not start all over in completely brand new lives. They might assume different personas for the part they are required to play, but they would have complete conscious awareness of their roles. Even for them returning is not a simple thing to accomplish and requires a greatly advanced evolution, intensive training, and much compassion. But it’s clear that like everyone else they will continue to remain the individual they have

⁶⁶ From the Sanskrit, “one whose essence is enlightenment.”

been since their own beginning. A bodhisattva might not even have originations on the earth. In just this way all who transition from their earth lives to Risen existence may have the opportunity to have an experience as a bodhisattva on any of the innumerable worlds in the infinite dimensions of Being. Infinity is there to explore, share, teach, learn, and love.

“OK, now I rest my case. In fact, I just rest.”

“What a grand presentation, Tim! In spite of the strangeness and complexity I find it all reassuring to hear. Although I’ve intuitively known since I was a child that I’ve never had a past life on the earth, there were times when I felt I was being excluded in some way. So many people I’ve known strongly believed that they’ve had loads of past lives, with stories that sounded so real and fascinating. I always wondered why I couldn’t recall my own.”

“Because, August, you listened to those Risen who served by inspiring rather than influencing you to develop particular ego-beliefs, and who led you to search for and study the facts until you were aware of your personal truth.”

“I realize that this inspiration has been going on all my life, Tim. But here’s a question. If there is no real judgment, other than that which we inflict upon ourselves and on others, and we are free to form and pursue our beliefs as we see fit, isn’t it a violation of the Principles of Universal Compassion and Non-Interference for someone to *not* be able to reincarnate if they want to?”

“What an awkward sentence and what a pill you are, Augie. There was always one in class—I should know, since I was usually the one, and which is why I have an answer all ready for you. Welcome to ‘Higher Meta-Astralphysics For Dummies.’

“It’s as you suggest—Creator Source will not interfere with what one desires, for Its greatest pleasure is to give us whatever we want, not to withhold it. The so-called ‘Principles of the Universe’ are really more like suggestions or guidelines. No, that’s not quite right, they’re more than that—they’re gifts. And then it’s all up to us if we want to accept them, and in what spirit, or rather in what spirit form. We also have the option to refuse them with no questions asked. The wonderful, mysterious thing about these gifts is that because they are infinite and unlimited in nature, we can use them in any way we want. There might be a Returns Department somewhere, but I would never dream of giving back an unopened present!

“Protests will arise from those who believe that Original Creator Source, or The Universe, or God, or however they prefer to label It, overrides our requests and makes decisions for our own good. But Creator Source does this only if we ask It to. All decisions are ours alone to make. In my experience it seems clear that our Source makes no judgments or decisions. As individuals, *we* make the judgments and decisions thanks to the gift of free will, which cannot be revoked. For the Source to revoke Itself would be like It holding Its

breath until It turned blue. Your physical body can't hold its breath forever either, because it is a direct manifested reflection of the Original Source Body.

“If one wants to reincarnate, it's not possible in the ultimate way of creating another original life for oneself. One is infinitely enough as one. However, if you want to have the *experience* of a pre-existence to the primal birth on the home planet, or the *experience* of reincarnation, you can have it, including that of being a co-creative manifestor. As we make our own self-experiences we also make our own ‘rules’ or ‘laws’ about our experiences. As for choosing our parents, it is *after* our primal birth on earth that we enter into any kind of ‘contracts’ with them, not before. This we do while awake and while in the astral realms during sleep. Of course, if later you want to have the *experience* of choosing your own parents before birth, well then, why not?

“There is one thing that we cannot do—we cannot create our individuated Self. We can manifest the experiences that *appear* to recreate the individuated Self—including personalities, characters, actors, and roles. We really *do* have a Creator Source, which is the only Source Reality and which shares Its reality with our reality. We also exist as that Reality where all is possible, including all experiences and all illusions. The exception is that as we cannot create ourselves, we cannot uncreate ourselves. If we wanted, we could create the *experience* of being uncreated as easily as we can create the experience of having another life and being somebody else. But such an experience wouldn't be real, only a realistic illusion. You on earth do it all the time, trying to be somebody you aren't. Like reincarnation, it's a pastime, and called ‘let's pretend.’ It works spectacularly well and you have a wonderful time playing in this way, enough to fool yourself and most of the people most of the time, but sooner or later you always come back to where you started from—your Self.

“Here's the awesome part. Many now reading or hearing these words are actually experiencing the novelty of a manifested recreation in this very moment. Remember that ‘novel’ means *new*, ‘creative’ means *fun*, and ‘recreation’—or re-creation—means *play*. Anyone might very well have done this hundreds, thousands, millions of times already. When one gazes into one's life deeply enough, it will be seen that this is so—or perhaps recognize that one just might truly be a ‘first-timer.’ It will be up to only the individual to choose what to do with the self-knowledge gained. This includes doing it again, like a child going up and down the slide over and over, or deciding to try something new on the playground—to let go, mature, transition, and transmute.”

“Ok, Tim, this all makes sense to me. But what about the people who are total strangers to me, who come into my life for a brief moment and then depart, never to be seen again? Yet I feel that I have known them before and perhaps even for a very long time. Sometimes they stay in my life in some way—as a friend, colleague, or even lover. Sometimes there are people I just see on the street in passing, but when our eyes meet it's as if we recognize each

other instantly and on a very deep level. Then they're gone like a ship in the night, but I find myself thinking of them for the rest of the day or more—maybe longer. These aren't people I've known from past lives?"

"By now, August, you're probably realizing as you ask the question that the answer is obvious, so you must be playing ego-mind's advocate. These are individuals with whom you have some kind of relationship on the astral-etheric levels, and who will carry a familiar resonance that resounds like a tuning fork when you are near each other on the material plane. These relationships interpenetrate one another, not only during sleep but also during your waking day and for your entire life while on the earth. During particularly less active moments—daydreaming in light trance, for instance—you may even begin to remember these astral relationships through certain feelings. Your conscious mind can't reconcile this in most instances, but depending upon your level of self awareness it may actually be able to do so as your spirits recognize one another. If you and the other person carry specific beliefs about past lives and reincarnation, you might resolve the mystery in your waking lives within this context. Perhaps you'll even interact with one another as if it were true, and any kind of life drama can then be manifested to support your shared beliefs, which you might passionately refer to as 'fate' or 'karma.'

"There are those on Earth with belief systems that entail the planning of life events before entering the terrestrial geography. This system is used to explain why some people are friends or enemies, or parents and children to one another, and why others come into one's life at specific moments to perform certain 'tasks,' often deemed as 'karmic retributions' as connected to another past life relationship. However, when viewed from a vaster Risen perspective, 'karma' is seen as a solely embodied human invention. Such systems appear as the immensely complicated clockworks they would have to be—machined lives running according to cogs and springs, levers and pendulums. It is proposed from within certain Risen circles that such systems would contradict the known truths of free will, spontaneity, and cosmic humor—unless one counts the irony that emerges from such systems as humor. It is quite clear from the greater range of a Risen viewpoint that terrestrial relationships are formed as they are forming and any pre-planning of them is done not only on conscious levels but on underconscious levels as well. The dramas of such individual and group relationships are also pre-shaped in the various astral geographies while the body sleeps, but this happens as life is happening all around, and not before the life and the living of it begins.

"The machine-system of reincarnation may be a reflected and projected extension of a kind of Newtonian system. This could only manifest as an effective social structure when quarantined from Original Source in order to maintain that social structure. The use of projection and reflection is nothing more than smoke and mirrors to produce a very large and entertaining play.

But to be effectively quarantined from Original Source would also result in deep feelings of loss, abandonment, and isolation.”

“Tim, it really does sound as if it’s all an immense and dramatic soap opera, or some kind of game.”

“So why can’t it be? If you want to step into the part and play it to the hilt, who says you can’t? If you want to make up a game about reincarnation and make it seem so real that it appears real, why not? No reason whatsoever. And isn’t it interesting that the word ‘game’ is synonymous with *pastime*?”

“As I’ve often said before, Tim, the mind boggles. The Risen theories you shared seem to suggest that we don’t experience this game of reincarnation—this pastime—on Original Planet Earth. Dare I ask how it’s done?”

“Well. It’s really a strange pair of ducks. You’re familiar with the concepts of the infinity of universes and unlimited dimensions, of possibilities never-ending and probabilities ever-awaiting. It appears that any manifestation of reincarnation is not played upon one’s particular *original version* of earth. But there’s no reason why a person can’t manifest yet another experience on *another version* of earth that is completely like the one they left. Mind *is* that powerful. Everyone can manifest their very own earth to return to—exactly like the one they left. Of course there would have to be a built-in restriction of self-imposed amnesia to make it suit one’s beliefs and needs, and this amnesia can be tailored in any way. And if they want, souls can co-creatively manifest the experience of being together or finding one another as their own desires for drama dictate. Sometimes there are ‘leaks’ that get past the amnesia—hence, feelings of *déjà vu*, past lives, and all kinds of ‘evidence’ that would manifest to help sustain the illusion. Since the illusion is built directly upon a foundation of Reality it has an apparent feeling of reality all its own and will respond to its manifestor’s mind as directed. In this way we are given dominion over our worlds, as promised to the symbolic human, *Adama-Eve*. ‘In my house are many mansions,’ as the saying goes. ‘My house’ is Creator Source, and ‘many mansions’ are the infinitely emerging, individualized spirit-sparks—us. These mansions are also the unlimited possibilities in Mind.

“Our minds share our Source’s Mind. If you want to adhere to the ‘rules’ your beliefs dictate, such as being reborn as an animal because you think you were a rotten sort and deserved nothing better, nobody and nothing will interfere with you from having the experience of that illusion. Of course there will always be someone nearby ready to help when help is asked for. Like the liberation drama where you found people who were presenting as animals—someone there must have had enough of that experience and had sent out a call for assistance, to which your team responded.

“*The Tibetan Book of the Dead*—and all such books—are excellent examples of beliefs-made-manifest—or ‘manuals’—with the potential to manifest,

support, encourage, and sustain other-worldly patterns of group-perceived existence, pre-existence, and re-existence. These other worlds may be thought of as no less real than Reality. Nevertheless, they are not Reality, but *thoughts about Reality*. Yet while thinking is powerful, it's not the only pastime in town. There is neither limitation to the universe or to potential universes, nor to individual experience within all potentiality. Why should there be? Any answer to that question would only be a belief, and beliefs can always be changed or discarded. That's what makes them fun—until it's decided to take them seriously. Then again, what is serious to one might be fun to another.”

“Following your lead, Tim, I could answer that by saying there should be something only if one wants it, right?”

“Go to the head of the class.”

“So then it follows that because Original Creator Source is unlimited, so are we, and there must be unlimited room for all potential worlds, universes, and experiences to interpenetrate, and for all time—or not-time, as the case may be.”

“By Jove, you've got it. So while you might not be interested in experiencing an earth-type life again, others might. Choices are up to the individual, and the choices are unlimited. The quality of the choice is proportional to the individual's choice as well. We can appear to self-judge and to judge others, for better or worse, cycle upon cycle, countless æons upon æons. Yet judgment is still an illusory misperception. Eventually the desire for change overrides the fear of change and true transition can then take place.”

“And so, Tim, it comes right back to Original Creator Source being non-judgmental and non-interfering in anyone's experience. The more like my Source I realize I am—Self Realization—the less judgmental I am about my own and about others' life experiences. It simply doesn't matter whether or not those reading this believe in reincarnation, and it never will matter.”

“Yes, ultimately it doesn't matter because there *is* no ultimate matter—the eternal paradox. Our real service here is to demonstrate, as one very tiny example, that it's possible for two loving, resonating individual souls to engage in exploration across dimensions, and especially how much fun it is.”

“Thank God, I'm glad it doesn't matter. I thought we were going to end up looking like we're taking ourselves way too seriously.”

“But isn't it fun pretending to scare ourselves like that sometimes?”

“If *that's* your idea of fun. I love scary movies, but I'm ready now for something much more serene.”

“Hmm. Well. Wait until *after* you see what we've planned for your Homecoming.”