

10. The Tree of Humanity

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In nature we see parallels. The way shells grow in the ocean is parallel with the way organs grow in the body, they can have the same shape. How trees grow in nature is parallel with many things in the world and in life, including the body. As an example, the liver grows just as a tree grows. In time it appears to be a very compact organ, but it starts with a certain original duct which divides and multiplies with cells as 'leaves'. Even when it has fully grown into millions of cells, they all are connected through little tube ducts to the main duct. In a real sense it is like a tree that exists there, under the diaphragm.

The spiritual perspective gives a nice model of how the human population grows. It says the human world exists like a tree. It is a new insight, very different to what we normally hear in science. For a tree first we need the seed. What is the difference between the seed and any other cell, or a stone?

The first thing is that the seed has the power to transform other molecules around it into cells like itself. The seed has this function. A stone cannot create another stone like itself. You sow a seed and very soon the mud and the water molecules around it are pulled in as the seed creates another cell of its own kind. Then as it grows more molecules create more cells. That is the magical property of the seed.

The first creation of the seed are the roots. The roots remain incognito, hidden below the surface. The roots also perform a similar function to the seed. They bring in molecules from around and create more cells like their own kind. The whole network of the roots is created and they all work along with the seed. When the time comes there is the first shoot and the first leaves come out. The early shoot is beautiful. Little does it know that in time it will become a huge expansion, and that so many branches, and so many things will happen like birds creating nests and singing on the tree. The early shoot is beautiful and as it grows more it becomes bigger, it forms a trunk which becomes bigger and more leaves come. After that it bifurcates, creating branches and more leaves. It further bifurcates with more branches and twigs and by this time we have millions of leaves.

The time comes when the tree becomes old and breaks. When the forest catches fire it is the end of the tree. But before the tree breaks, a new seed is created and a new tree will begin for the future. So at any one time there will always be a tree but not the same tree. The progress of the tree cannot be reversed, the older tree cannot be made into a smaller tree.

The human population also grows like the tree. The spiritual message is this. The seed in this case is God himself, the Supreme Soul. He incarnates and comes in this world, where everyone is immensely body consciousness, that is, ignorant, full of the vices and ego. He incarnates and the function of the seed is to transform the molecules around it to create more cells like its own. That is the function of God. Whoever comes in contact is transformed and made noble, divine and pure, like God.

Those who are transformed perform the task with God, with the seed. And in time it becomes a network of roots. The seed and the roots remain incognito. They are not overtly known to the world, but they perform the most beautiful task of transformation. Anyone who comes in contact with this venation of roots are transformed into souls like God. Pure, viceless, egoless, soul conscious, people of peace and love. Most importantly they are awake and out of ignorance.

The next phase of the tree is the trunk. So at some point the Golden Age shoot comes out. The Golden Age has a few leaves to start with. It is the time of perfection and the highest time for mankind. The tree grows further, more leaves come, it is not the same sparkle as at the beginning but it is still a beautiful tree. It is in the phase of the Silver Age of mankind. The later part of the Garden of Eden.

Then comes the time when the branches start to grow. A tree that has got many, many leaves, millions or billions of leaves must have many branches. The human tree has got billions of souls and so the branching starts at a certain point. This moment is called the Copper Age. The branches are of the different religions, different races, different nations. As time progresses these branches also subdivide. It is the time of differences and variety. In one sense the tree is beautiful with this variety, it does not need to be a problem. Its different types and different shapes make it richer. The Golden Age has its own beauty and the Copper Age has its own beauty. But the destiny of the tree is that it expands very, very fast. Hundreds of new branches come. The branches divide into twigs and smaller twigs until the tree is almost incapable of supporting itself. It almost needs external support.

At this time the roots and the trunk are not strong enough to hold this expansion. Some parts start drying up, and other parts start falling apart. New shoots still continue to come. New shoots always appear beautiful. It appears very strange that in the same tree one part has dried, hard bits, yet the same tree has lovely, new shoots. However very soon the tree is unable to support itself. Some branches, the dry twigs, create friction somewhere and catch fire. The whole tree is reduced to ashes. The tree disappears but the seed continues. For when the old tree falls, a new seed starts to grow. The new seed in its own time, continues with a new shoot, and a new tree.

In the same way the cycle of essence into expansion goes on, forever.