

The Realization of Divine Pattern

Empowering the Spirit of God Within Us All

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*Our deepest fear is not that we are inadequate.
Our deepest fear is that we are powerful beyond measure.
It is our light, not our darkness, that most frightens us.*

*We ask ourselves,
"Who am I to be brilliant, gorgeous, talented, and fabulous?"
Actually, who are you not to be? You are a child of God.
Your playing small doesn't serve the world.*

*There's nothing enlightening about shrinking so that
other people won't feel insecure around you.
We were born to manifest the glory of God that is within us.*

*It's not just in some of us; it's in everyone.
And as we let our light shine, we unconsciously
give other people permission to do the same.*

*As we are liberated from our own fear,
our presence automatically liberates others.*

(From Nelson Mandela's 1994 Inaugural speech
as the first black President of South Africa)

Though I am aware of how endangered all earthly living things are (including us Homo sapiens) due to a multitude of human-caused religious, moral, social, political, economical, scientific, and ecological problems that are escalating, I am also aware of goodness and mindal brilliance within humans that can solve most of our world's problems if we tap into the presence and wisdom of divine pattern. Realizing the presence of the divine within us is what I think Nelson Mandela is referring to in his inspiring words above when he reminds us that we are all "children of God" and that we are "born to manifest the glory of God that is within each of us."

Now I realize that unfortunately "manifesting the glory of God" has been interpreted by many humans throughout history as a reason to conquer, colonize, and in-corporate countries, cultures, and individuals. And, unfortunately, many who have been methodically and mechanically victimized by the colonizers have retaliated in the name of God and religion through just-as-brutal (or worse) means that have caused further grief and suffering, especially for their own exploited people.

In contrast, Nelson Mandela—a citizen of a colonized and exploited country and himself a victim of extreme brutality and injustice—understands the true nature of God and divine pattern. After being unjustly imprisoned for 27 years for his activism as a civil rights leader who sought to unite all black Africans in their struggle to regain their human rights, Mr. Mandela

(at 76 years of age) became President of newly freed-from-apartheid South Africa and used some divine-administration principles to begin uniting a racially conflicted country. Tapping into the goodness of divine pattern within him, President Mandela recognized that all South Africans—black and white, the victims and those who had been the victimizers—were children of God and should be given opportunities to become everything God had intended them to become within divine pattern. Thus he implemented many policies that were meant to eventually reconcile the South African people with their divine Creator and with each other, which would result in improved conditions for all citizens in all areas of life.

Of course it takes many, many years (and often many decades) for solutions to complex and age-old problems to take hold fully and completely, and if a leader such as President Mandela is not present to direct the implementation of these divine-administration solutions and his successors do not have that vision or the goodness, wisdom, and level of spirituality to carry on the work, then conditions will deteriorate and regress to the devastation and destruction of the previous, problem-infested state where greed and lust for power rule.

President Mandela ceased acting as the political chief of South Africa in 1999 and passed from this world in 2013; yet his influence continues to encourage and inspire planetary direction towards a more divinely-led world of morality, ethics, justice, peace, and for all people to have human rights, good health, and a sense of material prosperity.

Before he passed, President Mandela formed a group called The Elders, which is made up of older political leaders from all over the world who are at some level tapped into the presence of divine pattern and are working to the end of their earthly lives to inspire and empower others to become active in creating peace, justice, and compassion across the planet. Past U.S. President Jimmy Carter is one of The Elders who worked effectively with others for years to attain better health and living conditions for impoverished people as well as meeting with volatile, more violence-oriented leaders to try to assist them in seeing other alternatives to problem-solving that are peace-promoting.

Unfortunately, those of The Elders are few in relation to the number of "retired" heads of state and politicians who are still living, and, unfortunately, the number of currently acting politicians who are tapped into divine pattern and use divine-administration principles are few and far between. Unfortunately, out of the billions of human inhabitants on this planet there are far too few who demand wiser leaders with out-of-the-box solutions that lead in the direction of a more peaceful and sustainable world that will maintain healthy social systems and



ecosystems for all.

Rather than becoming part of a global, money-driven monoculture controlled by corporate interests, the different cultures and countries of the planet need to retain their diversity, keeping all that is good within their culture, and removing that which is harmful and out of divine pattern. Countries, within their diversity, can become spiritually unified with each other but not culturally and politically uniform, all nations united in embracing newer and better methods of providing every man, woman, and child their rightful opportunities to seek and find their God-given destinies and to live and work in harmony, celebrating each soul's uniqueness and beauty while recognizing the greatness we can achieve when uniting our skills, talents, and gifts for the common good of all.

We need leaders with a true spiritualized vision, like that of Mr. Mandela, who—through their own inner connection with the presence of the Divine—can inspire every person on Earth (Urantia) to empower the God within them to guide all planetary citizens into a future so bright that it lights up the whole world, a world in light and life!



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“Divine pattern is the blueprint of the First Source and Center, God, the Universal Father/Mother, or whatever other name you choose to call Him/Her. Divine pattern is present in the particles of space as well as in the particles on this world, a pattern that can partially be seen through telescopes and microscopes. And this divine pattern—cosmic and earthly, huge and humble—is always good and beautiful.”

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7 social sins according to Mahatma Gandhi are:

- Wealth without work
- Pleasure without conscience
- Knowledge without character
- Commerce without morality
- Science without humanity
- Worship without sacrifice
- Politics without principles



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