

## CHAPTER TWO

### The Gathering

When the idea for the Planetary Commission was first introduced publicly, someone said that if the “New Thought” people were the only ones involved, we would never reach our objective of 500-million participants. I disagreed, saying that through meditation and monitoring we now estimate that more than half-a-billion such believers are on the planet at this time working in various religious groups—and that New Thought concepts are spreading more rapidly than any other spiritual teaching.

In essence, the movement represents “the gathering” of the Truth Seekers and the Pathfinders from all of the threads of the Golden Cord (the metaphysical factor in all religions)—this time united in a common purpose. Since the early part of the last century, wave after wave of Old Souls have reentered the earth plane, and millions are strategically located throughout the world, ready for the new spiritual offensive.

According to The International New Thought Alliance, “the term ‘New Thought’ has been applied to the metaphysical movement which began with P. P. Quimby more than a century ago. The meaning of the words in this context was given by Judge Thomas Troward, one of the great leaders in

the movement. It comes from the creative law of mind or Spirit and refers to the fact that a new thought embodied in consciousness produces a new condition.”

*A new thought embodied in consciousness produces a new condition!* While thinking about this statement one day, I felt a strong urge to go back to “the beginning” as the basis for this particular chapter. And I believe the reason was to show that the Light Bearers of this world have been spreading “new thought” since before recorded history – with the objective of *producing new conditions* in the world!

The activists in the New Thought movement today include the spiritual beings who attempted to free the earliest inhabitants of the planet from the bondage of mortal mind. They were also the participants in seeding the race mind with revelations that led to the founding of Hinduism and Judaism, and many were the messengers who spread the teachings of Lao-tse, Zoroaster, Buddha, Confucius, Jesus, and Mohammed. And, they were deeply involved in the transcendentalist movement during the first half of the nineteenth century.

Do you not intuitively feel that *you* are a part of this Good Will Task Force? Don’t discount the probability just because you are experiencing challenges. If you are a “teacher” – could there be credibility to your sharing with others if you could not show the way by your example – the example of experiencing the illusion of a problem and overcoming it by revealing the Reality behind it? Many of the Lesser Avatars, in moving from the Spiritual Realm into the third-dimensional plane, chose to play such a role on the Earth-stage in order to ultimately be of greater service. And during the role-playing their memory is sealed . . . closed until the challenge is met, and then the recognition of Identity returns.

If you are a “pupil” you may have walked on the dark side for most of your life, learning the lessons involved in the awakening process. But yes . . . you, too, were a part of that glory in ages past. Your travels simply took you deeper into the far country, and the effects of your thoughts, words and deeds – caused by your sense of separation from your Spirit-

ual Self—produced the karmic wheel you’ve been riding for aeons. But in the deep recesses of your mind, you also remember the Truth of your being. New Age thinking and New Thought teaching are not strange to you, and you feel a beautiful sense of fellowship with the group of World Servers who are encircling this planet with a bond of Light and Love. One day you will fully awaken and will realize who you are. In the meantime, just know that you are here for a definite purpose and with a specific mission.

As we take our journey into the past, please understand that reviewing both preliterary and recorded history would be a lifetime project. However, in this relatively short chapter, I have attempted to go back to “the beginning” to see what this *fall of man* business was really all about, and then follow countless years of consciousness evolution to show the perennial seeding of New Thought. In doing so, I’ve skipped over so much history and left out the names of so many Master Lights that historians will ponder the great gaps in periods of our civilization and metaphysicians will wonder at all the Missing Persons. But from this quick summary you’ll see that we were created out of the Mind of God and came forth as perfect Beings of Light, how we messed ourselves up and littered the Divine Playground, why we’ve been paying for it ever since, and the role of the Light Bearers in the awakening process.

There was never any unforgiveness on God’s part regarding our transgressions, but in living the dream, we found it almost impossible to forgive ourselves and we’ve been on a gigantic guilt trip since the concept of “time” began on the third-dimensional plane. Fortunately, the Nightmare Era is quickly coming to a close, and soon, very soon, we shall see “the coming of a race from sorrow free, an age of faith and justice, truth and love and liberty.”

### **The Beginning**

As told in the Scriptures, God conceived within His Mind the *Idea* of creation—of the universe, of the dry lands, and the beasts that would walk thereon, and God saw that these Ideas

in His Mind were *good*. Then God looked within His infinite Mind and saw Himself. How beautiful an Image He saw, the sum of all, the completeness of the Ideas in His Mind. Conceived in love, the Image born in Mind became the Son, the perfect Man-Idea, and the Father-Mother Mind so loved the Son that all of Mind was given to It . . . the fullness of the God-head was embodied in the Image. And the Son became conscious of Himself as the Spirit of God, for the Thinker and the Thought were One. And God saw everything that He had made, and behold, it was *very good*, and God's work was finished; but the vast universe was without form, and man was not yet a living Soul.

The Son, the very omnipresent Spirit of God, became the first Principle, the ever-living male and female Principle, He who is eternal. He is, He was, He will ever be the power to be eternally I. I AM THAT I AM. He is Jehovah who spoke to Moses from the burning bush, the Christ who spoke through Jesus, the Self-existent One. And He is and shall ever be the Higher Self of every individual throughout all time.

In the stillness of peace and the warmth of love, Jehovah God, the Christ of God, meaning the very Truth of God, conceived within Himself, within His Mind, the idea of *you* as a living Soul. He saw Himself in expression *as* you, for creation must continue, as in the beginning. He saw Himself as life, love and wisdom. Each thought is light, and with each thought, the light of expression grew brighter. A pattern of light emerged in His Mind. To this perfect pattern of Himself in expression was given beauty and understanding. And the pattern grew brighter. He saw faith, imagination, enthusiasm . . . strength, joy, authority. And the pattern grew brighter. He saw will and freedom. The light began to pulsate, to throb. All of His thoughts of Himself in expression merged into one in the creative substance of His Being. His very focus of *you* as His expression began to alter the vibration of His universal Energy Field at the point of the divine contemplation. The expression was completed within His infinite Mind and He breathed the breath of His Life into you—and you became conscious life, a living Soul. And there were an infi-

nite number of Souls, sparks of Light, formed in His Mind, each with the breath of Life.

You were now aware of yourself . . . you are a self-conscious mind created in the image and likeness of the Son, the Christ, the very Spirit of God . . . and you know yourself to be a spiritual being, the focus of infinite Mind. As a manifestation of the Son, you behold yourself as the Christ made manifest, and your consciousness is filled with the Knowledge of Christ. That is the nature and purpose of your Soul, for you are the Lord God in expression.

And through the omnipresent Energy Field of the Living Expressions, the Spirit of God brings forth into radiant light-form all that was conceived in Mind in the beginning. You live in a spiritual body in the Garden of Eden, which symbolizes pure spiritual consciousness, and you are one with all creation.

### **The Appearance of Matter**

Although there was no concept of "time" as we perceive it now, a view of the cosmic sequence shows that energy forms were lowered in vibration and what we consider "matter" appeared, including the dry lands, the seas, the fish of the sea, beast of the field, and the fowl of the air . . . throughout the universe. But you were not included in this initial materialization, and for aeons you remained in your Light Body of pure energy as a joyful expression of Spirit. But then a few Souls became interested in the material plane.

Some of the Beings of Light began to move upon the planets of the many solar systems, mingling with the biological species that had been evolving since the beginning cycles of creation. Desiring to walk upon and experience the physical plane, many of the Souls projected themselves into the more advanced of the animal species and greatly accelerated the biological evolution. As they moved into the physical plane, the Spirit of God asked only one thing . . . that the Souls express or bring forth into manifestation only the divine ideas, the angelic thoughts and images of His Word. But they did not heed His counsel; they did not listen to the God-Self

within, and with their free will began to experiment with their own concepts of creation. The descent into the dream-world had begun! Spirit had asked the Souls to be content with His Knowledge and to think only His thoughts after Him, to bring forth the purity of creation. But the emotional nature, developed during the process of integrating with another life form, spoke of the truth that the Soul was as a God and created the temptation to use the God-power to express other than the Divine Ideals.

The Souls began to entertain concepts in their minds that became thought forms, which materialized, became visible. And with every degree of materiality, a greater sense of awareness of materiality developed. After a time, they began to identify with their bodies and with their creations in the world, and the spiritual consciousness, the true nature of the Soul, began to fade.

Now they began to create selfishly. Competition was born. Then destruction. And protection from destruction. The world began to reflect this consciousness. Plants took on briars, needles. Insects formed stingers. Poison came forth in reptiles. Self-preservation became the basic instinct of animals and man. Fighting began, and the concept of death, which was never a part of the Divine Plan, was born. The God-Man had become hu-man . . . an animal man.

The spiritual consciousness, the Knowledge of the Christ Presence within, was now imprisoned by the newly developed personal ego of these souls. Imprisoned and forgotten. But even behind the wall of sense consciousness, the spiritual Ego, the true nature of the Soul, continued to work, receiving thoughts from Spirit and sending forth images of the greatness and grandeur of each individual's Reality. But they did not understand this, and continued to develop their carnal minds. And the descent into the dream-world continued deeper and deeper.

Seeing what was happening, those Souls who had remained in the spiritual realm came into the material plane to awaken their brothers from the mortal sleep in which they had fallen. Though invisible, they moved among the people

as spiritual Messengers, Angels of Light, seeking to influence their minds. Some saw the light and broke away from the bondage, but most could not. They were trapped in a consciousness of angelic and animal energies, and a body that was a blend of the two.

### **The First Mission of the Light Bearers in Physical Form**

From the cosmic view of the situation, something had to be done. And so a massive wave of Light Bearers numbering in the tens of thousands descended upon this planet, manifesting a physical body patterned after the body Idea imaged in their Souls by Spirit. They moved among those whom we now know as Neanderthal—and later Cro-Magnons—to awaken the consciousness that was trapped in the animal-man. They established what we think of today as religion, with symbols and rituals, all designed to break the spell. Some of the Light Bearers became priests and built temples with paintings and music and drama to stir the imagination. But the most that could be said for all the effort was that the mental, emotional and physical evolution was stimulated, resulting in a highly increased birth rate. Death was now a part of the dream state, and so its physical counterpart—birth—also came into being. This meant that more and more Souls were entering into the energy mutation and emerging as a specimen not originally planned for the planet. And with the consciousness-link on the third dimensional plane, a peculiar race mind (collective consciousness) was being formed in the earth's magnetic field.

Following the law of attraction, the Light Bearers began gathering in groups, creating their own particular form of civilization—with technology, culture and society much more advanced and refined than we know today. But later, many of them began cohabitating with primitive man, which can be interpreted from the sixth chapter of Genesis: “And it came to pass, when men began to multiply on the face of the earth, and daughters were born to them, that the Sons of God saw the daughters of men that they were fair; and took them wives of all which they chose.”

Now the fascinating aspect in this account is that the designation “Sons of God” had not been mentioned in the Bible up to this point – so obviously the reference is to another race of people! In verse 4 of the sixth chapter of Genesis we read: “There were giants in the earth in those days; and also after that, when the *Sons of God* came in unto the daughters of men, and they bare children to them, the same became mighty men which were of old, men of renown.”

This inbreeding continued for thousands of years, and the consciousness of those Light Bearers dropped further into the density of materiality, with the collective mind of the planet reflecting the darkness of the descent and rapidly moving toward critical mass. Before the final catastrophe – brought on by the disintegration of spiritual values and the misuse of their powers – many fled to other parts of the world where their superior knowledge left a lasting effect. Evidence of their migration was seen in northern Spain, Egypt, Greece, Central and South America, and legends of all of these ancient civilizations refer to “gods” who taught the secrets of the heavens and the earth.

During the next 7,500 years we went through the Great Flood, the Predynastic Age and Pyramid Age in Egypt, the civilizations of the Sumerians and the Semites, the first dynasty of Ur, and countless invasions, wars and conquests. And it was during this period that traces of the former Light Bearers, the “giants” of the earth, were lost. The reason: the remnants of that superior civilization returned to the Higher Planes to join their brothers . . . there to review the lessons learned. In time, some would walk the earth again as great teachers.

### The Teachers

The next *recorded* activity from the spiritual realm occurred in our history at about 2500 B.C. when the Vedas, the ancient scriptures of what is now known as the Hindu religion began coming through. The Vedas are regarded as revelations, owing their authority to no earthly individual. From these revelations came the Four Vedas, the Upanishads,



the Bhagavad-Gita, and other sacred works. The primary thrust of this Teaching: God (Brahman) is the Supreme Spirit, the one absolute, infinite, eternal, indescribable Being—and the expression or manifestation of this Being is man's Spirit or Self (Atman), which is identical with the Supreme Spirit. In the Hindu Trinity, Vishnu is the God of Love, and Krishna is considered by the Hindus to be an incarnation of Vishnu. In the Bhagavad-Gita, Krishna says: "When goodness grows weak, when evil increases, I make myself a body. In every age I come back to deliver the holy, to destroy the sin of the sinner, to establish righteousness." He also says: ". . . he who seeketh Me with heart resolved, he surely findeth Me, his inmost Self."

In these ancient works we find the beginning of the "Perennial Philosophy" in written form. True, the Ancient Wisdom dates back to our unknown past, before recorded history, but man's earliest known *written* spiritual teachings are the scriptures of Hinduism, the dominant religion of India. This was the first thread in the Golden Cord that would bind all religions together in spirit. As Aldous Huxley put it: ". . . happily there is the Highest Common Factor of all religions, the Perennial Philosophy, which has always and everywhere been the metaphysical system of the prophets, saints and sages."

While Hinduism was spreading in the part of the world now known as India, a patriarch named Abraham was inspired to believe and have faith in One God, a God of justice and goodness, the basic emphasis of Judaism. And in Hebrew history, Abraham stands out as not only the first Jew, but also the "father of many nations." The great impetus of Judaism took place under Moses in the 1200's B.C. He led the Hebrews out of Egypt and into the freedom of the desert where he was given the Ten Commandments and the comprehensive Mosaic Code. And when Moses died in the land of Moab, Joshua succeeded him and completed the journey into Canaan.

But even with the advent of Hinduism and Judaism, the world continued to witness destructive wars, the fall of

empires, poverty, suffering, class struggles, and corruption among the ruling class. Obviously more Light was necessary, so within a relatively short period, some of the greatest minds in recorded history came into the earth plane. Lao-tse, Zoroaster, Buddha, and Confucius all incarnated within a 53 year period between 604 B.C. and 551 B.C.

**Lao-tse** founded the Taoist religion in China, which is based on living in harmony with the great Impersonal Power that controls the universe. The *Tao Te Ching*, the sacred book of Taoism, teaches that heaven, earth and man were created to be in harmony with each other, but man lost the way and miscreated a world of disharmony. Here was another thread in the Golden Cord of the Perennial Philosophy!

**Zoroaster**, a Persian prophet who founded the Zoroastrian religion, based his teaching on the one and only God—a Supreme Being of Good Thought, Beauty, Holiness, Righteousness, Perfect Health, Dominion and Immortality. Zoroaster believed in the oneness of God and man, and that prayers were the “speaking of friend to Friend.” Another thread in the Golden Cord!

**Buddha**, the Enlightened one, was the title of Siddhartha Gautama, the spiritual teacher of the Buddhist religion. Gautama believed in universal good will expressed from a heart of love “that knows no anger, that knows no ill will.” Of equal significance was his understanding that lack, limitation, disease and death are but *illusions*—not created by God, therefore not real! His Eightfold Path to freedom encompassed right belief, right aspiration, right speech, right action, right livelihood, right effort, right thought, and right meditation. And the Golden Cord grew Stronger!

**Confucius** is called the “first Teacher” by the Chinese. The founder of Confucianism, he believed in a Supreme Being, but he placed the emphasis in his teachings on man’s relationship to one another. He believed in the practice of ethical ideas, which would help man realize and understand the pre-ordained harmony and justice of the Universe. Another thread in the Cord!

It is interesting that so many of the Souls who came into

the earth plane during prehistoric times to begin the awakening process were also the core group who took the teachings of these Masters and introduced them to the masses as Light for a new age. Yet, after thousands of cycles of the sun, much darkness still covered the land.

**The Master of Love** now stepped forward . . . the Soul known as the perfect embodiment of Love would now walk among men as an example of the perfect Christ Man, the True Man, the Reality of Everyone. And unto a woman with purity of consciousness a child was born, a son was given, and his name was Jesus. To those who received him, he gave them power to become the sons of God by telling them that they were exactly like him, and that they would do even greater things than he would do. A few dared to believe, and became his disciples. But most sought the darkness rather than the Light, and so he gave them his body as further demonstration of his power, of *your* power, and then he returned to the spiritual plane.

But now the spiritual evolution of mankind could never be stopped, because the Living Flame of the Christ would forever burn in the hearts of all people, and etched on the walls of time for all eternity would be the truth of man's divinity. And so the Cord became a mighty bond as the fire of Christianity was lit, and today it is the most widespread religion in the world. The wind that spread the fire of Christ can be attributed in no small measure to the tens of thousands of Light Bearers who again incarnated during and immediately following the time of Jesus.

The basic teaching of Jesus was to emphasize man's divinity, but with over 300 "Christian" denominations today, many accusing the others of blasphemy, we have to ask—what happened to the original message of Jesus? It would seem that like other "religions" developed from the spiritual teachings of a Master, institutions were organized and controlled by *men* . . . and they could be no stronger or better than the people who organized and controlled them!

From about 500 A.D. to 1500 A.D., the world went through a thousand year period called The Middle Ages—an

era of turbulence, invasions, and warfare which saw the break between the Western and Eastern churches and the Crusades. But again, a Master Light appeared to penetrate the darkness and reestablish a sense of hope in the race mind. In the early part of the seventh century, **Mohammed** began teaching the belief in one God, and the attainment of peace through submission to the will of God. He was the founder of the Islamic religion, and his followers are called Moslems. Mohammed – seen as a prophet of God – banned war and violence and united Arabia in a great religious movement that eventually spread throughout the Middle East and into North America, Europe and Asia. Another thread was woven into the Golden Cord!

### **The Revolutions**

Between 1500 and 1815, four major movements took place in the Western world resulting in economic, religious, intellectual and political revolutions. Trade was established between nations as commerce was expanded throughout the world, bringing with it the establishment of new economic systems and colonial empires. And shortly after 1500, the Protestant Revolt (Reformation) began, leading to the establishment of different religious denominations, initially Lutheranism, Calvinism, and Anglicanism. The world also experienced a major breakthrough in the arts, literature and science, with Souls such as Leonardo da Vinci, Michelangelo, Rembrandt, Voltaire, Rousseau, Bacon, Shakespeare, Milton, Cervantes, Galileo, Paracelsus, Newton, and Copernicus – to name only a few – contributing to a new age of understanding. And out of the political revolution emerged democratic forms of government, the elimination of autocratic rulers and the establishment of republics – based on the desire of people to become politically independent and have a share in their governments.

As a result of these four revolutions, the world was now ready to enter into an age of Spiritual Enlightenment, and the task force of World Servers began coming in again, concentrating at first in New England America – to become

known as the “Transcendentalists” – and later as Light Bearers in the New Thought Movement.

### **The New Wayshowers**

Transcendentalism, which began in the early 1800’s was a religious philosophy based on the discipline of intuition to achieve a direct relationship between the soul and God . . . to “transcend” the senses, and also the churches and organized religion, and know the Divine Reality directly. The transcendentalists believed that the churches did nothing but institutionalize spirit itself, and that all people are spiritually equal because each individual is able to communicate with God – each person has the intuitive capacity for grasping ultimate truth. Thoreau put it this way: “It is necessary not to be a Christian to appreciate the beauty and significance of the life of Christ.” And Theodore Parker, also a bright light in the movement, wrote: “The problem of transcendental philosophy is no less than this, to revise the experience of mankind; to test ethics by conscience, science by reason; to try the creeds of the churches, the constitutions of the states, by the constitution of the universe.”

Ralph Waldo Emerson, one of the founders of the transcendental movement, became the “modern prophet of the Truth revival” and had a tremendous influence on what we call New Thought today. Here are a few examples of his thinking:

- “There is a principle which is the basis of things, which all speech aims to say, and all action to evolve, a simple, quiet, undescribed, undescrivable presence, dwelling very peacefully in us, our rightful lord: we are not to do, but to let do, not to work, but to be worked upon; and to this homage there is a consent of all thoughtful and just men in all ages and conditions.”
- “From within or from behind, a light shines through us upon things and makes us aware that we are nothing, but the light is all. A man is the facade of a temple wherein all wisdom and all good abide. What we commonly call man, the eating, drinking, planting, counting man, does not, as we know him, represent himself, but misrepresents him-

self. Him we do not respect, but the soul, whose organ he is, would he let it appear through his actions would make our knees bend. When it breathes through his intellect, it is genius; when it breathes through his will, it is virtue; when it flows through his affection, it is love.”

- “Jesus Christ belonged to the true race of prophets. He saw with open eye the mystery of the soul. Drawn by its severe harmony, ravished with its beauty, he lived in it, and had his being there. Alone in all history he estimated the greatness of man. One man was true to what is in you and me. He saw that God incarnates himself in man, and evermore goes forth anew to take possession of his world. He said, in his jubilee of sublime emotion, ‘I am divine. Through me God acts, through me. speaks. Would you see God, see me, or see thee, when thou thinkest as I now think’. But what a distortion did his doctrine and memory suffer in the same, in the next, and the following ages!”
- “When we have broken with our God of tradition, and ceased to worship the God of our intellect, God fires us with His presence.”
- “We are what we think about all day long.”

While Emerson was establishing the philosophical foundation for New Thought, another New Englander began experimenting with mental and spiritual healing. This pioneer was Phineus P. Quimby (1802-1866), considered the “practical master” of metaphysics. Quimby was highly successful in demonstrating the application of metaphysical principles to break the illusion of sickness and reveal the reality of radiant health. One of his students was Mary Baker Patterson, later known as Mary Baker Eddy, founder of Christian Science. (Because Christian Science claims a unique revelation from Mrs. Eddy, i.e. a fixed and final teaching, the Church does not consider itself as a part of the New Thought movement.)

Emma Curtis Hopkins, once a protege of Mrs. Eddy, later established an independent metaphysical school, and her teachings greatly influenced the founders of three major New Thought churches in America today: Nona Brooks—Divine Science . . . Ernest Holmes—Religious Science . . . and Cha-

ries and Myrtle Fillmore—Unity. And contributing to the flourishing of these Centers of Truth were hundreds of illustrious writers and teachers and thousands of “students of Truth”—all working together to set the stage for the New Age. The Light Bearers were again incarnating in record numbers and taking their positions for the work to be done.

With many new independent churches, organizations, centers and schools being formed—in addition to the pioneers named above—there was a need to unite the groups and individuals in a free and open alliance. In 1917, The International New Thought Alliance was incorporated with these stated goals: “To unify all churches, centers, and schools in the New Thought field in a spiritual framework that provides for and encourages full freedom of expression and function . . . to marshal the potential strength of the many groups and focus it into coordinated power directed toward the growth of the whole . . . to give to the world the message of spiritual healing for the whole individual . . . (and) the healing of all nations.”

Since then, the New Thought movement has gathered great momentum, and *the true believers* in the “inseparable oneness of God and man” and the creative law of cause and effect are now stepping forth from every religion on the face of the earth and are moving into the staging area. The Golden Cord—“the highest Common Factor of all religions, the metaphysical system of the prophets, saints and sages”—is encircling the globe, forming a Bond of Light never before experienced on this planet.

That impending “something” is indeed about to break forth. And it is *good!*