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Group question: Dear Q'uo, this world is beset by recurring stories of intensive conflict, disharmony and suffering. One recent example is happening in Europe where hundreds of thousands of refugees have left their troublesome home countries to find safety, security and a new chance at life. There are a lot of welcoming energies awaiting these refugees, but also a lot of resistance and, in some places, even violent xenophobic attacks.

Our principal focus today is upon the meaning and purpose of these events. Are these catalysts designed, you might say, to serve as mechanisms for global catalyst that affect many, if not all of those within the illusion? That is, do these catalysts awaken the global identity, helping us to face tough questions about love and who we are?

The secondary focus of our question is upon service. For those who react to these troubling moments and determine that they want to serve and want to shine love, how can they minister to the needs of refugees and all those who suffer oppression? Indeed, what can we really do in our daily lives and in meditation to bring peace to this burdened planet?

(Jim channeling)

I am Q'uo and greet each of you in the love and in the light of the One Infinite Creator. It is our great privilege to speak with you this afternoon in your circle of seeking. We have been aware of the questions upon your mind and within your hearts, and we hope that we will be able to add some small bit of understanding to those concerns as we address them this day. We would ask you, as always, as a favor to us to use your own personal discrimination

as you listen to our words so that you may take those which have meaning to you, leaving behind all others, for we would not wish to be a stumbling block to you.

If you would do us this favor, we would feel most free to speak our opinion—and we underline “opinion,” for this is what we have found to be true; we do not claim to be infallible sources of information. As one of the great writers of your history, the one known as William Shakespeare, said: “All the world’s a stage,”¹ and all the people merely actors; each plays in its time many roles and this, my friends, we find to be true throughout all of your recorded history, and true as well today, for the events upon your planet, each and every one of them, has some relevance to each and every entity existing at this time within your third-density experience.

Your planet, as you know, is quite well-seated within the fourth density in the time/space realms of your inner planes. There is a great movement of thought energy into these realms by many upon the surface of your planet, as the experiences, the times, the intensities, and the varieties shift and increase, and move from entity to entity, from country to country, allowing the hoped-for expansion of the green-ray energy center that will be able to share its

¹ From Shakespeare's *As You Like It*, the opening of Act II Scene VII:

All the world's a stage,
And all the men and women merely players;
They have their exits and their entrances,
And one man in his time plays many parts...

unconditional love and understanding with all about upon the surface of the planet.

This is the time of graduation, the time of harvest, upon your planet, and all those here at this time are hopeful and capable of being harvested in their soul essences. However, each has projected into the third-density illusion a fragment of that essence with the hopes that the remaining lessons—that will provide the ability for graduation—may be learned within the “short time,” as you would call it, that remains of the third density for this particular planet.

Thus, each entity has programmed, shall we say, the opportunities for the learning of those lessons which will allow for the opening of the heart chakra, so that unconditional love may move through from the red, through the orange, the yellow, and to the green heart ray, and therefrom shine outwardly to those about each entity. As you would imagine, there are various levels of success in this program of opening the heart chakra. Entities may program any type of experience that you can possibly imagine, and many that you cannot imagine, in the hopes that this opening of the heart chakra be accomplished.

For many entities the learning occurs more on of a mass level, shall we say. These entities being those who have found themselves within the nations of your planetary sphere which are usually described as being of the “third-world variety,” which in general terms in the third density would mean less of the resources of the planet available for their use, the need for individual expression being somewhat blunted and the, shall we say, dictatorial expression of governing and rulership, which would, in its turn, cause a type of turmoil within various cultures that feel the uprising and upwelling of the need for the expression of personal and individual freedoms. As these freedoms find boundaries and limits within the accepted cultural milieu of various numbers and masses of entities, the portions of the culture that feel most oppressed begin their expression of rebellion, as indeed, this country itself in which you now exist found its need to rebel many of your years ago in what has been called “the shot heard round the world”² in this afternoon’s session.

² From the Wikipedia page of the same name: “The phrase is originally from the opening stanza of Ralph Waldo Emerson's "Concord Hymn" (1837), and referred to the first shot of the

Thus, all entities at some time within their incarnational experience, find the need to express the individual liberties and freedoms in whatever manner is possible. When it is not possible to do so as a normal routine or experience within the cultural illusion, then it is that what you would call the rebellions, the guerrilla warfare and so forth, which occur. We find that within many of the countries which are now providing [for] what you have called the immigrants—the masses that are leaving these areas because of internal strife and the civil war, as you would call it, who find themselves moving to those areas of hoped-for safety within the cultural expressions that you would call the European continent—that within these entities comes the opportunity to welcome such souls in search of safety as are traveling in their direction with hope in the heart and very little but the clothes upon their back. And then there is the opportunity for expressing the heart chakra energy by accepting these entities or not, as in the case of many within this country’s division of states which have declared that such shall not occur.

You have, indeed, great masses of entities within the planetary sphere now engaged in a lesson of a great learning whether or not the principles that are taught within the religious systems of each country’s culture are indeed lessons by which the culture itself shall live, or whether perhaps they shall be ignored; whether perhaps the green-ray energy center shall remain closed as the borders within certain countries or states, or whether there is the possibility of opening the heart chakra on a level great enough to welcome great numbers of entities who have little to which to cling in the way of daily sustenance, and the future expression of freedom and home of a life lived in more normal circumstances.

It is the great test of your planet’s population at this time that one may liken to the final examination which many undergo within your educational system at the end of the school year. This, my friends, is the great examination of the heart; whether it can be opened to those who are called strangers, to those some would call dangers; whether it can be seen that—indeed, as the tuning song

American Revolutionary War. According to Emerson's poem, this pivotal shot occurred at the North Bridge in Concord, Massachusetts, where the first British soldiers killed in the battles of Lexington and Concord fell.”

played before this session began—is God truly one of us?³ Is the Creator somewhere observing all of this occurring, or is the Creator here amongst you, within you, experiencing all that you feel, see, and imagine?

My friends, we believe you know the answer to this question. Indeed, the Creator is within all. All entities upon this planet are expressions of the One Infinite Creator that has taken this opportunity to give freedom of will to each of its portions so that lessons may be expressed and learned, and the fruits of the learning of experience may be offered to the Creator as a means by which it may know itself in ways that would not be possible without free will being exercised in the manner in which it is now being exercised.

Make no mistake, for indeed there are no mistakes, that the Creator may learn from every decision made by each entity upon the planetary surface. Some of the lessons that are learned may be that, in some circumstances, there is a limit to the amount of green-ray energy that some entities may be able to offer to those who seem different enough from themselves to be denied this universal energy of acceptance, of understanding, and of tolerance. There may be the need for most of the entities upon the planet to repeat this great cycle of learning upon another third-density planet, if the lessons cannot be learned here. Indeed, much of the population of this planet has been cycled again to this planet from others where these lessons were not learned.

It is our great hope that more entities upon this planetary surface can look more deeply within their hearts and see where there is room for other entities; that the embrace of family may reach beyond the household, beyond the community, beyond the state or even the country, that all entities, in the end, may be seen as the Self, seen as the Creator. We realize this is not probable, my friends, however, it is ever possible, and we hope that each of you may take these lessons to heart quite literally, and find within

your own hearts the path of service to those about you that will express your true feelings concerning the One Creator.

We would, at this time, transfer this contact to the one known as Steve, so that we might address the second portion of the query for the afternoon. We are known to you as those of Q'uo; we transfer this contact at this time.

(Steve channeling)

I am Q'uo, and am with this instrument. We would begin by thanking this instrument for the care with which it challenges us prior to our communication, for it is our understanding that there are many voices which would wish to blend theirs with ours, and not all of these voices are of a disposition to serve the One Creator in the manner, and in the polarity, with which we have chosen to serve, and so we welcome the discrimination and the resolve to bring forward only those energies that do resonate with the open heart. We are, ourselves, creatures of the open heart, and we welcome in our hearts those who seek likewise.

In turning to the question of how one might integrate, shall we say, the catalyst that comes upon a planetary scale with that catalyst which is part of the daily allotment, so to speak, we find that it is well to keep in mind that you are living in an environment which is much differentiated with regard to various paths of seeking, and as you well know, not every path shares the same fundamental aspiration or the same polarity.

There are those who seek the One Creator by neglecting the opening of the heart. These individuals are strewn throughout your social complexes in such a way that they often confuse and confound the trajectory of seeking that is sought by those who wish to form groups of seeking in concert with one another. [They are often] those who have responsibilities for the organization of your societal complexes, your participants in the so-called political life.

The dynamics that arise as a result of an interaction of individuals, of groups, of states, of religion, of people of various languages and cultural traditions and ethnic backgrounds, can give a certain sense of chaos to the experience that is available to all upon

³ The tuning song for the session was Joan Osbourne's "One of Us," a song released on the album *Relish* in 1995 with a chorus that says:

What if God was one of us?
 Just a slob like one of us?
 Just a stranger on the bus
 Trying to make His way home?

this planet, and never has this chaos been so dramatic and so wide-spread as it is today.

To some extent at the point of transition of any third-density planet, it can be expected that there will be a certain amount of disorganization and confusion, for it is a time of opening in which many patterns of energy which have, over ages, assumed a closed form, will begin to break apart, will begin to lose their hold, will begin to take on new and unexpected forms; and this, by itself, can be confusing for those who are living in turbulent times.

When one adds to this fact the additional point that, in a planet undergoing a mixed harvest, the directions of travel will not all be going the same, when the fundamental commitments of spiritual seeking seem to be at loggerheads, one reaches a level of confusion that is much greater yet, and it has been our observation that this planet, in which you enjoy your current life experience, is particularly noted for the wide variation in kinds of energies as well as the experience of oppositional energies that it undergoes. There is, as you might say, a very active loyal opposition, and this opposition is not confined to your earth planes.

This can be rather difficult for you to deal with, particularly when it happens that inexperienced souls opening their hearts for the first time discover that they are given opportunities for service that are really in quite strong distinction from their fundamental intent, and so it can seem that one serves the all, one serves the Creator, and one serves one's fellow seekers best when one undertakes activities that to most others seem quite hostile. This can seem like a genuine form of service, and if the spiritual seeking is particularly strong, and the discernment is not particularly strong, one can find that earnest souls express the strength of their seeking in ways that are really quite destructive.

Now we would ask you to consider an analogy. That is to analogize the circumstances of planetary chaos with similar circumstances of individual or personal chaos which can occur at points of transition in the individual life patterns. When one undergoes changes in the personality, it almost inevitably occurs that there are certain older patterns of behavior which are shown increasingly to have no further use, which it would be well for the

personality to be able to slough off⁴ so as to move into a more robust or healthy configuration.

However, these older personality features, these older patterns of behavior or forms that have been invested over the years with a certain energy, this energy has a life of its own, if you will. It is as if there were a little possessing entity that has learned to live within a larger host organism, and having taken up a home in certain portions of the organism, is reluctant to give up this home, is reluctant to give up the authority which it has found it enjoys exercising within this portion of the personal being.

Such a possessing energy, if we may so call it, is very likely to put up a resistance when it is being asked to release that domain which it has so long jealously guarded, and it is quite capable of behaving in ways that are anti-social, in ways that are counter-productive, apparently, in relation to the total welfare of the organism. It is quite capable of sending out danger signals, and of attempting to convince the larger self that to change in this area that the larger self has already resolved to change, would, in fact, be quite a risky proposition, would in fact be quite dangerous, not only for the self, but for perhaps others around it, and for the social life as a whole.

In fact, whatever target of opportunity might be invoked in defense of this small bailiwick⁵ that this little backwater energy of the self has resolved to defend, can be seen as vital for the very survival, can be projected as necessary for the future wellbeing of the organism. And it can create a condition in which one of two things seem to be possible.

In the first place, one may reject this portion of the self that is crying out for acknowledgment and sacrifice it upon the altar of progress, so to speak.

The second path is that of accepting this portion of the self that cries out for acceptance, and allowing it the voice it feels it needs until such time as it is enabled to understand that it is not itself threatened by the changes that are being proposed, and, in fact, have advanced to the point where they are now inevitable.

⁴ slough off (verb): to shed or peel off some outer layer, especially by rubbing or scraping

⁵ bailiwick (noun): one's sphere of operations or particular area of interest.

It seems to us, my friends, that the second path is the more useful for those who would open the heart, but we will admit that the second path is, in many respects, more challenging, because this requires that you take on those portions of the self, those portions of your own personality that have learned to dwell in the shadows, that have learned to embrace the shadows, that have learned to love the shadows, and have learned to speak from the shadows, and to call these portions of the self part of yourself—to acknowledge these portions of the self as part of yourself, to accept these portions of the self that to you now seem unacceptable, as indeed, acceptable.

Now, that is not to say that you are now inclined to celebrate the little mischievous imps that dwell inside your personality; that is not to say that you wish to embrace—as a principle of your own future development—any of these stray darkneses that yet reside within you, but it is to say that these voices that speak out in anguish are voices that are also in need of love. They are voices that ask not to be judged harshly, but to be given a space, to be given a hearing, to be allowed to speak out their agonies so that when the echo of these cries of anguish finally dies out, the voices may begin to look to a deeper source. and find there are different modes of expression beginning to become available to them so that in that chorus of voices which each self is, new harmonies may be seen slowly, and we emphasize this point—slowly to arise.

In the process a more fulsome personality may be seen to come about, a personality which is less defended on two fronts: one, the front of the external relation to the society as a whole, or others within the society; and two, the front which addresses those energies within the self that have long suffered restriction, repression, and rejection. A less defended personality is one which is more able to express, in an open-hearted way, who it is, and to allow otherness to find its expression within that sense of who:

Who am I?

I am more than I ever imagined I could be.

I am you.

I find that you, also, be me.

Now this is not an easy exercise, we acknowledge. It is made much more difficult when one encounters

others in one's environment who do not seem to share the same commitment to healing, do not seem to share the same commitment to the openness of the welcoming heart.

So it is one affair when one encounters the hungry stranger, the stranger who is cold, the stranger who is lost, the stranger who is forlorn, to open the door and provide sustenance, warmth, and acceptance. And it is another affair to contend with those who have the intention not of accepting in good grace the welcome you have to offer, but of defeating the master of the house, of overturning the existing order, of achieving domination over others, of introducing the dark stranger of fear into the body politic.

We do not downplay the difficulty associated with this latter possibility, for it is a difficulty that resonates on many levels throughout the creation and is not confined to your planetary experience. But at your time of transition, it reveals the very great confusion that arises when those whose general inclination is to open the heart then encounter hearts that have no intention whatever of being opened, and, in fact, have every intention of doing everything they can to prevent the opening of hearts around them.

When confronted by this adversarial energy, it is a common inclination to recoil in horror, to mount the defenses and even to take an aggressive posture to those who have demonstrated the energies of war. We sorrow with you, my friends, that to some extent this defensive withdrawal seems necessary; but we would caution that you have available to you great powers of discernment, so that you may see where an energy on offer, well polarized to the negative, has no opportunity for successful engagement.

But you may also see that there are many examples around you of those who, like yourself, are attempting to open the heart, but who have staggered under the weight of heavy catalyst, and have begun to recoil in opposition to this catalyst in a manner which seems to share the character of that catalyst which it opposes, which is to say, which seems to take on the very negativity which it rejects.

To be sure, it takes, as we say, discernment to tell what response is of a thwarted open heart, and what

initiative is that of a thrust of negative energy with intent to achieve control or domination. The latter, we would remind you, is relatively rare in comparison to the former. And so we invite you to consider that it is not well to use a judgment against those in the midst of whom you find yourself should it merely happen that they have taken a point of view other than your own, or have responded in a more dramatic way, shall we say, or perhaps with more hostility to some traumatic catalyst that seems to be of extremely negative provenance.

These ones who respond in this way, no doubt are discovering within themselves the old resonance of this shadow self that has lurked long these generations. They are no doubt discovering these small pockets of negative energy they themselves have harbored, and they no doubt are allowing these pockets of negative energy to be energized by the catalyst which is on offer.

That, however, does not mean that these souls who in so many other ways are fellow seekers with you are to be despised, are to be thrown on the rubbish heap of humanity, are to be rejected or harshly judged, for who is there amongst you without a little pocket of negative energy, and who can say what catalyst will be capable of unexpectedly energizing these little pockets of negative energy? We ask you then to consider what it is that might heal these pockets.

The principle most important in this regard is the simple one that negativity begets negativity; judgment begets judgment; and so when a friend, a companion, a fellow seeker is thrown into a condition of reactivity, of anger, of horror, of hate, the worst thing that you can do is to react to the reaction, to hate the hate, for that merely allows emotions in the negative register to continue to reverberate down through the ages, as indeed they have done in your social energy complex.

Healing is an event which takes place one little bit at a time. It takes place in the gentleness and in the quietude that may be discovered when one realizes that difference is not, by itself, threatening; that just as the Creation is many and diverse, and the color spectrum infinitely articulated into hues of every mixture and every description, so too are the processes of human being infinitely variegated. And within this variegation there is still yet integration

possible precisely to the extent that the difference is celebrated, the differences welcomed, the difference is accepted even when it comes forward to one explicitly as that which is unacceptable.

Few planetary experiences are as challenging in their very nature and in the structure of catalyst that abounds as the one whose experience you now share and partially constitute. It is a wholesome meditation to contemplate that every last portion of the planetary experience is part of a whole which will, in the fullness of time, be healed. Every last voice will be invited to sing in the choir.

To be sure, it takes an attuned ear to begin to hear the echo of the choral celebration that will arise and fill the very heavens. It is perhaps more than can be expected to put upon yourself the task of living every moment of every day with this sound playing joyously in your background, but there is a thought there—maybe it is only a stray hope on the wind, maybe it is a scent borne on a summer evening, but it is a thought that in troubled times may provide just a little nourishment, and just enough, to see you through that moment. And the moment joyously embraced builds upon another moment joyously embraced, one can begin to find that the cares of the day are less burdensome, and one can begin to find that that catalyst which is heavy, though still difficult, can yet be borne.

We see many courageous souls upon your planet struggling under burdens that are shockingly difficult, and yet from time to time the whisper of a smile can be seen upon the visage of all brave souls, and there, my friends, is where the hope lies. The hope lies in not condemning the planetary criminal element, but in realizing that in the end all are one. You, who may seem criminal to me, and I, who may seem criminal to you, are—in the outreach of me to you and you to me—one.

We are those of Q'uo and have been most pleased to join you and your seeking for it gives us also the opportunity to deepen our seeking, even as we find given to us the opportunity to transmute sorrow to joy. It is a project which we share with you at this juncture, and we thank you for giving us a little presence in your world, and for the opportunity to feel the beautiful efforts that are being made within this circle of seeking, for my friends these efforts are a beacon of hope that shine into the very heavens.

We thank you my friends. We are those of Q'uo and at this time we would leave this instrument and return to the one known as Jim to discover whether there are further questions yet on the minds of those here who seek. I am Q'uo. Adonai, my friends, Adonai.

(Jim channeling)

I am Q'uo and am once again with this instrument. We would ask if there might be any further queries to which we may speak as this instrument has some energy in reserve. Is there another query at this time?

Gary: Just one Q'uo. How can the wanderer respond to all the chaos, violence, conspiracies, and service-to-self energies—in short, all the bad news—in a way that fulfills their primary function to lighten the planetary vibration, and to serve as a beacon or shepherd to others?

Q'uo: I am Q'uo and am aware of your query, my brother. It is a query well worth considering, for those entities within this circle of seeking fall within that category which you would call the wanderer, and each wonders itself how to accomplish this particular mission, shall we say. Each has incarnated within this planetary sphere in order to aid it primarily by adding its own light vibrations so that the vibrations of the planet itself are lightened and reduced in their severity, shall we say, in the expression of disharmony.

Each wanderer also has the specific task of finding a way by which it itself may evolve not only through service to the planet in general, but to those about it in a particular sense on the daily-round-of-activities basis. We would recommend the use, once again, of the meditative state in order to explore that which each feels is the primary possibility for learning in service to others, and explore that to the extent that one is firmly aware of this particular service, its ramifications and its expression within your being. And then to fully pursue the expression of this service.

When one finds the news, shall we say, disturbing and disharmonious to the extreme, one may send the light-filled vibrations of healing and love to such areas or entities in need of such, or indeed may send

it to the entire planet, for that which you see upon your news is only a small portion of the difficulties that are being expressed on a planetary scale. One may keep the eye open, shall we say, to the opportunities that come one's way, for there are no true coincidences, and those opportunities to be of service in an expanded fashion will, if they are appropriate for your being, find their way to you so you may say give energies of either the activities of your physical vehicle, the financial means by which energy is offered, or in any other fashion; the creation of poetry, the creation of music, the creation of the surroundings that are supportive of those who need support in any of the many ways that entities are failing in their daily round of sustenance and liveliness.

There is no set pattern or rule in this regard. One must realize that what is appropriate for each to do will find its way to you for again, there are no mistakes, and all has been planned as an opportunity before the incarnation so that all may be accomplished if one is, shall we say, paying attention.

Is there a further query, my brother?

Gary: No, thank you, Q'uo.

Q'uo: We thank you, my brother. Is there another query at this time?

(long pause)

I am Q'uo, and as it appears that we have exhausted the queries for the night, we shall once again express our great gratitude to each present in this circle of seeking for sharing your love and your light with us, and allowing us the opportunity to partake within your circle of seeking. This circle is, once again, producing a great beam of light which reaches into the starry skies beyond all eyesight or vision.

We thank you for your dedication to service, for your desire to be of further service, and for the open hearts that exist within this circle. We are known to you as those of Q'uo. We shall take our leave of this instrument and of this circle of seeking at this time. We leave each, as always, in the love and in the light of One Infinite Creator. Adonai, my friends, Adonai.

PRIDE AND CONFIDENCE

FEBRUARY 5, 2011

Jim: The question this evening has to do with self-confidence. Could you give us some information, Q'uo, on how we can enhance or strengthen our self-confidence without becoming overly prideful? And then could you relate the self-confidence that we use in our daily activities to the faith that is really the [basis] for our metaphysical journeys?

(Carla acts as senior channel for this session.)

We are known to you as the principle of Q'uo. We greet you in the love and in the light of the one infinite Creator, in whose service we come to you this evening. My dear other selves, it is a pleasure and a privilege to be called to your group and we are most happy to be part of your circle of seeking, your meditation, and your session of working. We are delighted to share our thoughts with you on self-confidence, pride and faith.

But before we begin we would, as always, request of you that you use your discrimination and your powers of discernment as you listen to or read these words. You know inside yourself what is for you because it resonates. If it does not resonate, please leave it behind. If our thoughts do resonate to you, please use them as you wish. We thank you for this consideration, for it enables us to offer our thoughts freely without being concerned that we might infringe upon your free will or disturb the rhythmic progression of your evolution of mind, body and spirit. Thank you for this consideration.

As we soak up the beauty of your blended vibrations, dear ones, we rest in the awareness that each of you is quite special, and we mean that in the inner sense. For you are widely dispersed throughout stations of life and so forth, but that which you have in common is an uncommon degree of awareness that you are working to uncover the you that you dearly wish to come to know better, the true self that each of you is.

Perhaps the beginning of self-confidence is to know that there is only one of you in all of creation. You have developed the soul-stream of which you, as a personality, are a part through many incarnations. Your gifts and your challenges are unique. Your

responses to them are equally unique. And as each of you is a part of the creative principle, you are the creator of your universe, the environment in which you live and think, the environment in which you act. You have colored your vibration and your frequency with the colors of your personality. Some of you flash, some of you are more quiet, yet in each case we see the core, the essence, and we see that you have given yourself every possible encouragement to seek the truth. This is an unusually active group of seekers and we are privileged to be among you.

Know that you are vitally important. Perhaps this is the very beginning of self-confidence, to know that you are necessary. As we said, there is only one of you. So it is in your hands, in your mind, in your thoughts, in your intentions, your hopes and dreams, that the Creator has a conduit into your outer manifestation of reality, so-called.

You shine a light no one else can because of the colors of your personality, because of your challenges and your gifts. And to each who shines a beacon there shall be drawn those who are sensitive to that particular light, so that entities come into your life because you speak to them. You shine for them. It is not, and we would never say this, my friends, that you have some power that is divorced from the energy of love, but rather that all dwell in this energy of love, yet each expresses it in a unique way.

We found it interesting that there were concerns within the circle as this question was being created that it might be difficult to be self-confident without being prideful and overweening. Certainly each can bring to mind examples of those whose pride is greater than the apparent usefulness of that which causes that entity to be proud.

We would, at this time, transfer this contact to the one known as S. We are known to you as those of Q'uo.

(S channeling)

I am Q'uo, and I am with this instrument. When you contemplate those conditions which cause you to become concerned about the self, it is useful to consider what the self actually is. For there are many attributes of every self which are, in reality, a construction made largely of illusions. In many cases a self is constructed of figments of ideals or stray expectations that an individual has drawn to him or

herself from various sources. One hears voices of the parents, voices of one's teachers, voices of one's friends, voices of people one has never met but whom one may idealize in some way, and one feels judged by these voices. One measures oneself against an ideal in relation to which one is found wanting. And as one contemplates this circumstance, one finds that it becomes more and more hopeless that one ever could measure up to the expectations one has built up around oneself. One is one large failed performance.

In this condition, it is easy to have one's energies wither and recoil. It is easy to feel a loss of connection with those around you. It is easy to feel a loss of connection with the sustaining energy of all that is. And one is utterly alone, thrown back upon resources one can hardly believe. One has to accomplish things of which one is no longer sure. And one has fallen into a condition of being utterly without confidence and without much expectation of living up to the self or the image of self one would like to be.

My friends, this is a weighty burden that you need not bear. To be a self is intrinsically no more burdensome than to be a feather borne on the wind, a leaf in the forest, a song in the air. If one allows the self to blossom, if one allows love to express itself through you, you will find that it is not so important what particular shape your gift to the world will take. It is not so important what particular result shall come about in this or that occasion. It is not so important how others receive the gifts you have to offer. For everything—everything—is always acceptable.

Everything is an opportunity for you and those with whom you are engaged to learn, to allow love to find new avenues of expression. And if you do not hold tight in your grip a rigid expectation of the form your experiences shall take, you will find that you will have more opportunity to experience the new, the unexpected.

Now, this is not to say that there will not be surprises. This is not to say that there will not be pains of disappointment or hurt taken. But in an atmosphere to which you may contribute, an atmosphere of love, hurts taken may be more readily healed. Surprises may be more delightfully received and more clearly shared.

And so we would say to you that that concern which can harden and draw back upon itself, that concern about the sense of unworthiness that is so common among your peoples, the concern that bears harsh judgment against the self and puts the self on notice that great expectations are brought to it and it must perform, all of these are factors which decrease your confidence. All of these are factors which foreshorten your ability to reach out in love to those with whom you would exchange your gifts. The very greatest gift you have to give is something which must always remain nameless. It is merely the energy that passes through you. It is merely the love that has found its way into you and would find its way out again. It is not something which ... we would pause.

(Pause)

I am Q'uo, and we are again with this instrument. This love which comes through you is not something which you can ever own and therefore it is not something which you can ever do badly. So long as you keep your eye upon your highest and best effort to serve, the effort that you do make will be well received and you need have no worry about whether you are worthy.

We would stress again that each of you has a uniqueness that is an adornment to the very Creation. You are able to traduce an energy that is, in a way, an energy that you receive in a way that no other may do. This is your gift. This is what you bring to the table of mutual sharing. Thus you need never have any concern that it should be inadequate. When this concern is released, that which you call your "confidence" will grow.

We are those of Q'uo, and at this time we would pass the contact to the one known as L.

(L channeling)

We are those of Q'uo, and are with this instrument now and greet each in love and in light. Tonight you have asked about confidence, pride, faith. We would say that you have almost unknowingly dug deeper into this cavern of truth than you could realize and that the establishing difference between pride and confidence is faith. Both pride and confidence stem from a degree of self-awareness, an

awakening of the self in realizing that one's actions have effect on the world.

Tonight this instrument has undergone a teaching exercise in that when she channels she usually begins receiving concepts in her mind before the circle even begins and she is finished tuning. Tonight there were no concepts. The blankness of mind remained and this instrument was faced with a choice. She could have panicked over the thought of having nothing to say. She could have looked to her skills as a channel and all of the power that she possesses and looked to that to guide her through, using her will and intellect to carry herself forth. What the instrument chose to do was to stare into that white nothingness in her mind and say, "I have faith. I have faith that all will be as it should be, that I am capable of holding this channel, and that all I need will be provided.

Pride is [the emotion which occurs] when one [comes to] one's self-awareness out of fear. Pride is looking entirely to one's own basic capabilities, feeling that this individualized self is separate from everyone else and that what makes one different is what puts one on a level of superior functioning to do a better job. Confidence uses the channel of faith to respond in love. With faith one realizes that there are no mistakes, that there is a lesson to be learned from every action, and that therefore the fear of falling behind the crowd, of being seen as inferior, is able to be released.

When [people] have confidence in faith and love they do not fear what others will think of them. They do not fear what bad things may befall any mistakes they make because they realize that all is love and that no matter what should happen or what anyone may think or say, all will be well.

Opportunities for learning will be provided from anything that goes awry. It is through faith that you may release the fear that keeps you from having self-confidence. With pride there is a degree of hurt, the need to shield the self.

When this instrument was a child, her behaviors were deemed as odd by many of her peers and she was told on a frequent basis by fellow children and adults alike that she was crazy. This hurt so badly she became angry at them for being so cruel and not understanding. And out of this anger she came to see herself as superior to everyone else, since she was

not acting in such cruel and non-understanding ways. This is a time in this instrument's life when she fell into the particular vein of pride of which you speak.

However, as this instrument has come to see all as being worthy of love, there is no longer a need to hold on to that hurt and disdain and misunderstanding, for it all simply dissolves into love. With love, all things are possible. As the one known as Jesus said, "If you but have faith like a mustard seed you may move mountains."⁶ Those who draw their self-image from faith and love do not realize the existence of walls and barriers. Every wall is but a stepping stone to another opportunity.

We would now pass this contact to the one known as Jim. We are those of the Q'uo.

(Jim channeling)

I am Q'uo, and am with this instrument. We greet each again in love and light. [We are Q'uo, and are with this instrument.]

When one has experienced the feelings of confidence in the self and wishes to go forward in service to others fueled by this confidence and by the desire to be truly of service, at some point in this experience the entity may become concerned that the growth of pride may usurp, shall we say, some of the sparkle from the joy of serving. It is the conscientious seeker of truth that guards the self from such experiences of the overweening pride by remembering that all is indeed one and that the individual self that the seeker is is not alone responsible for the energies of love and light which move through his being.

Each seeker is a vessel, a channel, a conduit, an instrument which may be utilized by the creative power of love, the Logos, the Creator, shall we say. When the individualized seeker becomes so impressed with its own service, feeling itself to be source of such, then there are indeed the hallmarks of pride. As each remembers that the one Creator's love and light moves all that there is, then the self is seen in perspective, as equal to, yet no better than, any other. Then pride falls away. Each of you is

⁶ *Holy Bible*, Matthew 17:20, "I tell you the truth, if you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there' and it will move. Nothing will be impossible for you."

most desirous, we are aware, of being of service to others in those ways which have been given to you and which you have, through your own efforts, discovered in your pattern of this incarnation.

We applaud your great desire to be of service and yet your caution that your service be pure. We can assure you, my friends, that each will be tempted to puff up the self with that which you call pride. This is yet another experience which may teach and which is a reminder to the cautious and selfless seeker that the steps may be placed carefully, consciously and with the intention to serve.

What more can you do, my friends, than to give that effort which is the best that you have. Each so gives. We would transfer this contact at this time to the one known as Carla. We are those of Q'uo.

(Carla channeling)

We are those of Q'uo, and are again with this instrument, greeting each again in love and in light. To be proud is part of the 360-degree circle of being that each of you possesses. If all is one, my friends, are you not all things? Are you not all emotions and feelings? To experience pride is to experience being human. Your situation of being a human being on Planet Earth in third density is an incredible gift and a great challenge. It is an incredible gift because you hold that unique position in two worlds—the inner world of concept and consciousness, and the outer world of thought and words and mind. You have the capacity and the mission of bringing into a limited and finite experience in your everyday world the aura of the infinite, the essence of the eternal, the power of a new paradigm. As you allow the love and the light of the infinite Creator to flow through you, into your open heart and, with your blessing, out into the world around you, you fulfill your greatest service and create for yourself the arena for your most substantial learning.

To be proud of that can be perceived to be an error, yet when a season of pride is upon you, we do not call it a mistake. We call it a distraction. For it is only those with limited views that measure success and failure by what they have manifested.

Eventually, as you persist in seeking the heart of truth, it will become more and more clear to you that pridefulness has no resources to give you and

you will not find it so irresistible. You will see more and more that for every trick that you can do there is another trick that you cannot.

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And you will see that the other self that can do that trick and you, together, are collaborators in creating the dance of oneness in which all have a just part.

This instrument has a phrase in her mind which is “to get over the self.” “Get over yourself,” she will say to herself. And it is well to get over oneself. Because focus on the self is a distraction, like many others. In fact, we would suggest to you, my friends, that a lack of self-confidence, a low feeling of self-worth, is a distraction. You did not come here simply to be distracted. There is that in you that craves and hungers for the accomplishment of the service you came to offer. Let your trust be in that hunger and that thirst. You cannot be better than anyone else or less worthy than anyone else because you are unique. You have no one to whom to compare yourself. You stand not alone but in a rich tapestry of color, texture and movement; the color of your ideas, the texture of your emotions, the energy of your skills and challenges. You entered incarnation in this place, at this time, both to learn and to serve. You shall learn and you shall serve—this is not an issue between us. You cannot help but learn. Evolution is an inevitable thing. Your choice is to accelerate the pace of your evolution or to allow it to wheel on without thought.

When the temptation comes upon you, my friends, to feel unworthy, remember the saying that this instrument has heard, “Trust in Allah, but tie up your camel.” Have faith that you came into this incarnation with a plan for service and that it is worthy. It may be that your service is simply to be a channel for the love and the light of the infinite One. It may be that there is some outer portion to that service, something that manifests in everyday life. There are as many kinds of service as there are unique beings in incarnation.

Consequently, when you decide that you wish to take up a service that has an outer manifestation as part of it, do not take it up with one eye on the service and one eye on your own performance. Take it up and do not look at yourself with judging eyes. Neither look at yourself with an applauding gaze.

Look at your service and each day, as you rise, set your intention anew to be of service. And then enter into that which needs to be done with everything you have.

If you hear a voice that says, “You will fail,” identify it. It is not you. It is not your higher self. It is most likely one or both of your parents, or that panoply of other characters that littered your childhood so richly. Do your homework. If there are logical arrangements to be made, see to them. Use your intellect. Use your powers of analysis and deduction. Let that workhorse, your mind, do its job. But do not let it judge you. For you are about the Creator’s business. Persist, not judging yourself, not patting yourself on the back, but remaining focused on your service. And let all of the love that is flowing through you surround that hope of service.

Above all, my friends, remember that in the metaphysical sense, manifestation barely registers on the instruments that measure spiritual service as you keep your heart open and every nerve keyed to do that service, to be that service that you hope to do and to be. That focus, that clarity of intent is everything. The world may judge you to be a success. It may judge you to be a failure. You know that you are simply attempting to be of service, this moment and every moment. Take heart, my friends. One’s perception of life tends to be somewhat of a muddle. One’s actual, received experience, on the other hand, is a marvel of assimilation and integration; catalyst turned into wisdom, suffering turned into love.

We thank this group for its question and for its intense and true desire to seek the truth and we would, at this time, ask if there is a follow-up to this query. We are those of Q’uo.

(Pause)

As this instrument’s ears perceive a profound silence, we would ask if there is a final query on any topic before we leave this instrument and this group. We are those of Q’uo.

L: Q’uo, I was wondering, if someone sends you a picture in their mind, can you see it?

Q’uo: We are those of Q’uo, and are aware of your query, my sister. My sister, we are used to the way of communication that this instrument has come to

call “concept communication.” Given that an entity is capable of seeing clearly and offering that vision to share, we are able to see that which is seen by the other self.

May we answer you further, my sister?

L: No, thank you.

(Carla channeling)

Q’uo: We thank you, my sister. As we have exhausted the queries in this circle at this time, we do take our leave of this instrument and this group, leaving each in the love and in the light of the one infinite Creator. Adonai, my friends. We are known to you as the principle of Q’uo.

NOTES TO OUR READERS

Dear seekers,

We are pleased to have completed our first channeling season since Carla's transition, and it feels like it was a solid success. Steve and Jim were both working hard to stay steady with the protocols for being responsible channels which Carla had set in place back in the '80s. Everyone in the support group was generous with the time and energy given for both the channeling and silent meditations. We look forward to next fall's Saturday meditations beginning again the second Saturday in September, right after Homecoming.

Speaking of which, if you would like to attend Homecoming or learn more about our annual event, please visit the news section of our home page at to www.bring4th.org. It is one of the few publicly held events available to those rare birds who, like you, enjoy this unusual, mostly channeled material. Though it represents but the tiniest fraction of the wanderers and spiritual seekers on this planet, it is a large window into the love which created us all. Whatever the information shared and content discussed, each blends their vibration with others through an open and trusting heart.

We are fast at work on the *Tilting at Windmills* book which we project will be ready for publication by our Homecoming event. L/L's webmaster is also actively hot on the new website. If we're lucky we will see that manifest this summer as well.

And for more information about those projects and the many other items with which we at L/L Research busy ourselves, you can subscribe to our *Gatherings Newsletter* using the [Subscriptions](#) page at www.bring4th.org, or visit the [Newsletter](#) page of our [Library](#) at www.llresearch.org where we have published the *Gatherings Newsletter*, the first time since its launch ten years ago.

The world is ever an intensifying place, it seems. We hope that you are engaging your disciplines of daily meditation, prayer, or contemplation that you may find that inner connection to faith and fearlessness which opens the way to loving the greatly distorted world and seeing the great passion play for what it is: an expression and experience of the One Infinite Creator.

In Love & Light,

Jim McCarty ✨