

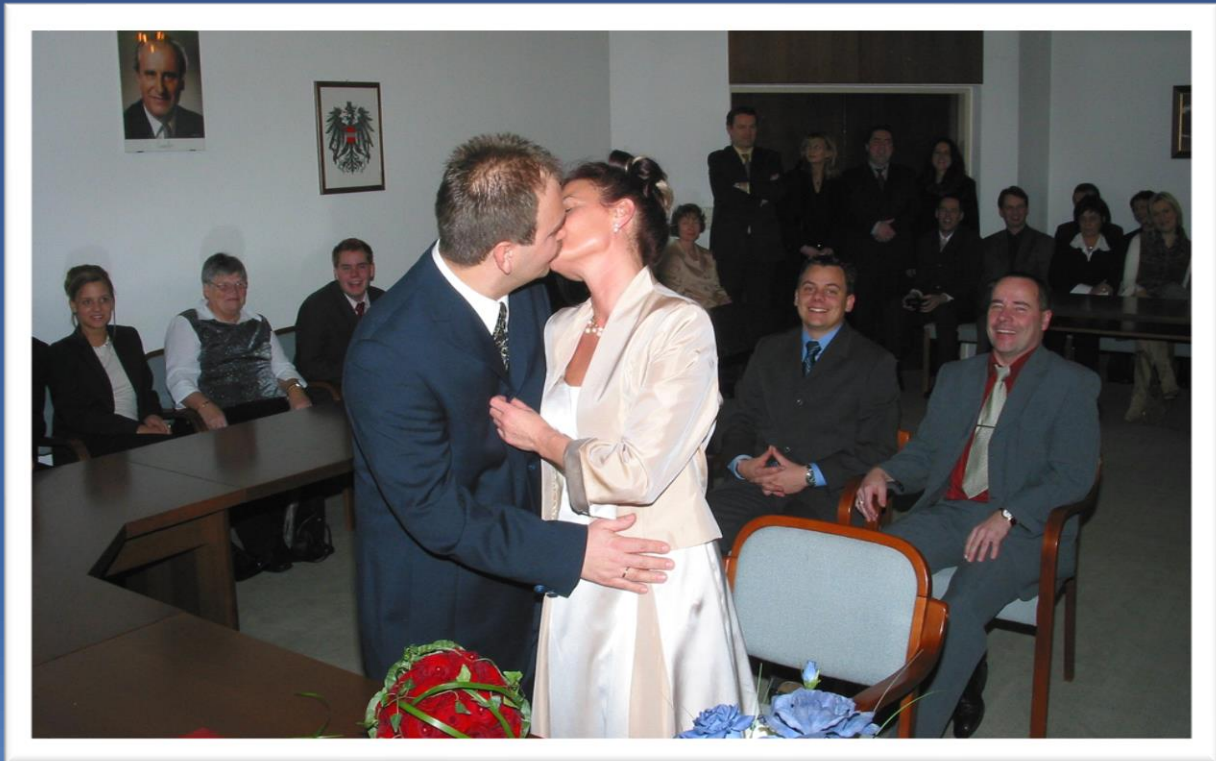


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Marital problems

1. Marriage as a cosmic sacrament

Marriage is a sacrament, but not an ecclesiastical one, rather a cosmic one. It is true that marriages are made in heaven, as the saying goes. Unfortunately, however, it has now been forgotten that cosmic marriage does not begin before the wedding altar or at the state office, but that this cosmic sacrament is only valid for the original partners who or rather separated in the third root race or in the middle of involution and are now looking for each other until the cosmo-legal connection can be resumed.

The memory of the bliss of undivided and united existence is still present in the depths of human consciousness. Since then, the longing for reunion with the lost original half has rested in people (see Lesson 13), and from this arises not only the relationship between the sexes, but also all karmic ties and difficulties, which entail countless disappointments and often unspeakable suffering.

The end of this suffering can only come when the androgynous state is restored through the reunion with the separated dual soul or original half. However, this does not necessarily have to happen in a single physical entity, but it is sufficient if the consciousnesses of the partners merge into one.

Every human being is therefore, even without realising it, conjugally bound to a specific partner from the moment of their creation by a divine Creator, even if they are now living in a relatively happy marriage with another person. Of course, this also applies to those who have not found a suitable partner at all in this life. True and perfect marriage is first and foremost an eternal spiritual union that can also be maintained in the physical state. This state can probably already be achieved in the fifth root race, as a rule it will only be generally accessible in the coming sixth race.

From a cosmic point of view, the majority of marriages existing today must be described as spurious. This gives rise to all marital problems, for in a cosmic marriage no one thinks of divorce, adultery or any of the other ulcers that cling to modern married life. True love, harmony, beauty, joy and bliss reign there; a state that can only be achieved after the greatest efforts of both sides.

2. The evolution of moral concepts

Driven by cosmic evolution, people create their own social norms. Every time and every community has this what it thinks and shapes. Moral concepts in relation to marriage and the mutual relationships between the sexes often differ greatly between peoples and races and also in accordance with world views as a result of the different development of consciousness. What is the highest good for some is held in low esteem by others, and vice versa. Until the beginning of the twentieth century, absolute monogamy was regarded as the norm of the marital moral hypothesis in the West. In the age of the relativity of everything that exists, there is no longer an absolute concept of morality in this respect either, which is why the previous outer façade of moral values, which has long since become rotten, will break down with the collapse of the old world view in order to give way to the improved moral concept of the age of Aquarius.

There are marital unions that have become a cooker of spiritual vices and a hotbed of hostility and moral decay. It turns out that most of these unions are unlawful from a cosmic point of view, which is why it would be wrong wanting to maintain them by legal or ecclesiastical means. Only enlightenment and a change in circumstances can bring help here.

The dissolution of moral concepts has already had chaotic consequences and led to a decline in human society and family life that has hardly ever been greater than in the present day. Moral decadence will entail catastrophic consequences.

In order to save humanity, a new moral hypothesis for marriage and family based on the knowledge and recognition of cosmic laws is therefore required, in addition to various other circumstances. Here, too, one can observe that no human concept and institution is enduring eternal, but that everything is subjected to evolutive development. A new ethical idea must be formed for marriage and the family, which will acquire new authority in human society by virtue of higher reason, and as far as possible a world-wide authority, since in the Age of Aquarius the whole of humanity will grow together into an undivided community.

3. The dissolution of the occidental concept of marriage and family

If a new house is to be built on the site of an old one, the old walls must first be torn down. It is therefore not surprising that at the end of the Age of Pisces, when everything passes over into dissolution to make way for new forms, occidental marriage and the family are also subject to severe crises and are struggling to be remodeled.

With the collapse of occidental society, there are therefore so many unhappy marriages and unnecessary divorce proceedings because they have become a psychosis of the times and people want to have unhappy marriages and divorces. In earlier times, it was the norm for marriages to be lasted, divorces were a scandal, and unhappy marriages were endured with the public excluded. For the most part, women and men entered into marriage virgin, whereas today this is almost never the case. In the eyes of public opinion, the press and literature, marriage was an untouchable, sacrosanct institution. The desire of the crowd was pointed towards a happy marriage, and therefore the likelihood of living in one was far greater because of the mental reaffirming.

The dissolution of marriage and the family is the final phase of a development process that began in the Occident under the sign of the Enlightenment and liberalism and is now in full swing. It is difficult to say when the climax should likely to be passed over, as the whole of humanity is approaching a general process of disintegration under the sign of the Armageddon of culture, in which all the old foundations will be replaced to give way to better ones.

However, in modest beginnings, a transition to new bonds can already be observed today, which will lead to a harmonious community life, but no longer on a blood bond, as was the case with the extended families and clans of past millennia, but based on spiritual bonds, since the spiritual relationship is the only one worthy of the name and excludes any antagonism.

In any case, the spiritual bond between people will play a major role in the future instead of blood relations, and family and married life will have to be organized according to this point of view. It is already beyond all doubt that in the future the form of monogamy will undergo a new moulding and consolidation throughout the world, and that the statement of which bonds are legal from a cosmic point of view will be a great science of the future. The rigid straitjacket of absolute inseparability, as dogmatically established by the Christian church, will dissolve, as it contradicts the law of nature. However, an absolutely ideal form for human coexistence will yet not be found in the future either, because the stored-up karma of the past will require numerous incarnations before it is finally dissolved. In addition, most people add new debts as they pay old ones, which is why a great deal of time will pass before a human paradise and veritably ideal conditions on earth are achieved. Even with the greatest aspirations, it will only succeed to create relatively more perfect conditions of our coexistence.

4. Marriage and sexuality

Human beings are linked to eternity through procreation or reproduction. It is a natural institution that sexual intercourse is necessary for this. It is part of normal life because the tension between the sexes urges transmutation or triggering. Artificial insemination is therefore contrary to nature. Sexual intercourse is not a sinful act in and of itself, as long as it serves procreation, the maintenance of the marital bond and love and remains within moderate limits. However, these restrictions are important because any sexual intercourse that is not based on true love and affection is animalistic or perverse and therefore unacceptable.

Only what happens out of true and genuine love and ennoble a person can be regarded as moral. However, what arises exclusively from passion and the need for sexual gratification cannot be affirmed. Above all, any unnatural and excessive gratification of sexual urges is harmful. The act of procreation as such is in truth a creative act, which by nature and therefore also according to cosmic law and divine will has nothing bad or unnatural about it. The criterion, however, lies in true love and the beauty of devotion.

At all times, attitudes towards sexuality have shown great divergences in the conception of morality. While in the era of matriarchal law, and even today among primitive civilised peoples, the sexual act is or was even placed at the centre of religious ritual acts, in Christianity it is a serious sin as long as it is not sanctioned by the church through the administered sacrament. However, Christians pay little attention to this church dogma, because nowhere are there more illegitimate children than in predominantly Catholic countries - proof that even the threat of eternal damnation is unable to suppress human nature. Quite apart from this, the possibility of absolving sin tempts people to be uninhibited and robs them of their sense of responsibility.

The general crisis of faith of the present day has dangerously exacerbated sexual chaos, which can only be eliminated through the harmonious union of man and woman and the creation of a new and better moral hypothesis.

5. Marriage choice according to the primordial element

The main cause of all marital problems is the wrong choice of partner. For this reason, great care must be taken in future when choosing a spouse. In order to make this serious decision easier, LIVING ETHIK provides more detailed information and clear instructions.

People should mate according to the primordial elements. When we talk about primordial elements, we mean fire, air, water and earth. This astrological categorisation is ancient and was also used for characterology by the Greek Hippocrates (460-377 BC), the father of western medicine. Hippocrates spoke of choleric (cholos = bile), phlegmatics (phlegm = slime), sanguinics (sanguis = blood) and melancholics (black bile), whereby these four characters are closely related to the four primal elements mentioned above.

The choleric person flares up quickly and generally calms down again relatively quickly. Phlegmatic people are difficult to get upset, but then also difficult to calm down again. Sanguine people are always on the move and tend to be optimistic, while melancholic people tend to be pessimistic.

According to secular astrology, each primordial element corresponds to three signs of the zodiac.

Element:	Temperament:	Tierkreiszeichen:
Fire	Cholerics	Aries, Leo, Sagittarius
Air	Sanguinics	Aquarius, Twin, Libra
Water	Phlegmatics	Pisces, Cancer, Scorpion
Earth	Melancholics	Capricorn, Taurus, Virgo

The pairing of people is now recommended in such a way that fire should bond with fire, air with air, water with water and earth with earth. It should be noted that the combination of the same zodiac signs in the same primordial element is less favourable, for example Aries with Aries, whereas Aries with Leo or Sagittarius, Pisces with Cancer or Scorpio etc. are favourable.

It can also be said that a bonding between the light primordial elements, i.e. fire and air, is even more favourable than a bonding between the light and heavy primordial elements. A marriage between fire and water, the most contrary elements, will hardly enable harmony. A bond between water and earth, on the other hand, is much more favourable.

In general, it can be observed that the sympathy between people who belong to the same primordial element is greater than between opposing elements, as in the case of fire and water. It is well known that the most lasting and best friendships as well as the happiest marriages come about between members of the same primordial element. As everywhere, there are also minor exceptions here, whereby stored-up karma or old enmities that need to be balanced out also play a major role.

Character is demonstrably formed according to the primal elements. Of course, every person has parts of all the primordial elements within them and, above all, must also develop fire according to their nature. However, when choosing a marriage partner, a partner of the same primal element is absolutely preferable if the possibility exists and no karmic obstacles stand in the way. Today, people pay no attention to the primordial elements at all and enter into marriage as it suits them. This results in a mixture of very different characters, which also has an effect on the blood and becomes the real cause of marital tragedies. The LIVING ETHICS says:

“People are ready for every kind of spiritual incest. People are only too willing to unite elements that are incompatible. They try to unite the father element, fire, with the daughter element, water; and the earth-mother with the air-son. If their progeny is burned to ashes they will not blame themselves, and will lay the responsibility on the Heavenly Father. It is impossible to become accustomed to the lightmindedness of human deeds. Only the spiritual consciousness can discern which are incompatible elements. People are distinguished not only by their emanations but also by the essence of elements, which always remains intact. Precisely in relation to elements are the best combinations found.” (AY, § 75.)

6. Why pairing according to the primal elements?

Why should only similar elements mate and the opposite ones avoid each other?

Only those parents who belong to the same primal elements can have a truly healthy and balanced offspring, which is best suited for evolution. The total mixing of the primal elements leads to the degeneration of entire peoples and races. It was once the main cause of the downfall of Lemuria[1] by fire.

Only similar elements make a harmonious marriage possible and ultimately lead to a union with the separated primordial beginning, which can only have originated from the same primordial element, which is why the reunion will also take place in this element.

The mismatch between the spiritual dispositions of an incarnated spirit and a humble environment is not nearly as terrible as the mismatch between the natures of the parents, for all spiritual degeneration arises from this. In poverty and difficult circumstances, a strong spirit grows wings. The efforts made to overcome difficulties are more valuable than the success itself.

The predominance of this or that primal element is reflected not only in the character of the person, but even in the composition of the blood and the building material of the nerves. Doctors are aware that there have been cases of blood transfusions in which the transfusion blood coagulated and directly caused the patient's death despite having the same blood group. This is undoubtedly due to the fact that the blood was taken from a contrary primal element.

Esoteric science says that the woman is weakened more and more by the birth of each child when partners of contrary elements have entered into a marital bond. The more children they have, the weaker the mother becomes. This is explained by the fact that through the birth of each child, the woman receives an influx of the same type of blood as the man. If the man's blood has a different composition, this will have a detrimental effect on the woman's health.

However, the opposite phenomenon can be observed with similar primal elements. With each child, the woman blossoms more and more, as an increase in similar blood occurs. This also gives her an influx of new strength, which has a beneficial effect on her state of health.

Based on blood analyses carried out on several thousand married couples, a Canadian doctor came to the same conclusion and suggested that the blood type should be determined before marriage. According to this scientist, marriages can only be successful if the man and woman have the same blood type. The same doctor also noted that family tragedies and marital dramas are almost inevitable when partners do not have the same blood group.

7. The problem of mixed marriages

All spouses who belong to contrary primordial elements will now ask themselves the question: What should we do, should we get divorced or what else should happen? The response to this must be that under no circumstances should a separation be brought about, or even motivated, for this reason. In most cases, such marriages are karmic tests and must come to a harmonious and peaceful end. In marriages with incompatible primordial elements, it is essential to try to create an ideal and harmonious state. Even between contrary elements, friendship, companionship and even true love are possible. There is sufficient evidence that even such marriages can be relatively happy with really good will, mutual consideration, helpfulness and a spirit of sacrifice, as well as with some love, thus creating the conditions for very happy marriages in the distant future.

Of course, the transition to a harmonious and happy marriage cannot happen suddenly and quickly. One must first work hard on oneself and free oneself from the baggage that has accumulated from previous marital relationships. Above all, one must strive to expand one's consciousness. Then the difference between a suddenly flaring passion and impulsiveness, which is mistakenly confused with love but is in reality only selfishness, and the beauty of true love will immediately become apparent.

The purity and harmony of married life, even with less than ideal partners, leads more quickly to finding one's twin soul, for only with purity of feelings can this most beautiful

connection arise. As long as the old burdens have not been removed and a certain degree of perfection is still lacking, even a connection with one's dual soul would not achieve and maintain the longed-for lasting happiness.

8. The ideal partner

The advice to pair up according to the primordial elements will, naturally, encounter great difficulties for a long time because firstly, it requires the recognition of astrology, which is unfortunately still rejected by official science. Secondly, the path of necessary enlightenment of humanity is a very long one. Thirdly, sympathy is not limited to people of the same primordial element, and kindred spirits are not always connected in the same primordial element. Fourthly, all people have karmic ties with partners of opposite elements from bygone times, which are still unresolved and usually cannot be postponed until the two meet in the same primordial element on the physical plane. Fifthly, the great acceleration of evolution, which is currently reaching a pace ten times faster than in earlier times, brings us together with several partners in most cases. This point in particular has not been considered at all so far.

However, in order to come closer to the goal of a happy monogamous marriage with one's dual soul, purity and harmony in married life are absolutely essential. One must therefore try to build ideal marriages beforehand, which requires like-minded and spiritually similar partners with whom a spiritual kinship is visibly present. Even if a marriage is not harmonious in all respects, then at least a spiritual kinship provides ultimate support and enables mutual respect, which is sustained by higher love and friendship.

Even if, in most cases, the eternal partner cannot yet be found today, only the desire for pure love leads to meeting an ideal spouse who offers a worthy substitute and at least gives a glimpse of the great bliss of the final union. Most people cannot even imagine the happiness of the final union. Only those who understand how to love, who can love other people boundlessly, will gradually gain an inkling of the highest feelings of love.

There are very few people on earth who already have the great fortune of having found their eternal partner, who, incidentally, can only be found in the same basic race, which is why a mixing of root races is absurd. Only adjacent sub-races can unite with each other without causing great harm. A conscious marriage with one's original partner is already highly perfect and allows for the greatest possible harmony on all three levels, namely the physical, astral and mental, or a complete concordance of the physical, emotional and spiritual nature.

The path to an ideal marriage is very difficult for most people, because the wrong thoughts and actions of previous incarnations and the present cannot be eradicated at a stroke, rather, it requires a laborious improvement of the human character. That is why marriages are arranged according to destiny or karmic principles, which are disharmonious from the outset and carry the seeds of disintegration within them. Such marriages are the toughest test of character, on which many of today's bonds are shattered.

9. The purpose of marriage

Marriage is the most important school of life, in which the character is shaped above all else through mutual friction. No one can escape this test in the long run, not even monks and nuns through celibacy, it is merely postponed until the next incarnation, and then it will be more difficult. Only those who enter into marriage and try to make it ideal despite the greatest friction will grow morally in every respect.

Certainly, there is no compulsion to marry and have children, but marriage is, without exception, a natural necessity for all human beings in order to increase moral maturity, preserve the hereditary stream of humanity, and prepare for the final great union with the original partner.

Marriage is therefore a cosmic institution for the activity and development of love, in order to seal the great cosmic sacrament of the primordial beginnings through the ongoing union of the sexes and to raise consciousness by an octave through marital development.

True marriage is a harmonious agreement on all three levels. The happiness of marriage is only complete when this agreement exists. Of primary importance is spiritual harmony, harmony in thinking, willing and feeling. This also leads to harmony in action and establishes an ideal marriage that can withstand the storms of life. The partners in such a marriage cannot part without suffering greatly from the separation. They will part with the desire to meet again. People who work together spiritually will always meet again and eventually form a spiritual family for creative development in the universe.

A true marriage does not begin at the registry office or at the altar, but with the fiery ignition of love through a feeling of togetherness. The registry office and the altar merely serve to legalise an already existing state.

Of course, there are also marriages in which love was not the motive for getting married, but rather some material circumstances. In these cases, one cannot speak of a marriage at all, but only of a contractually sanctioned cohabitation of two people of different sexes. From a cosmic point of view, only a loving union of the sexes can be called a marriage, not the passionate and everyday satisfaction of base instincts. A marriage can therefore exist even without a wedding ceremony, if two people of different sexes live in a physical and spiritual-emotional community.

10. Love as the sole motivation for marriage

The only motive for marriage should be pure and genuine love. Today, however, people who marry solely out of true love are very rare. **Only love justifies marriage**, never the sudden flare-up of sexual passion, and even less so any economic considerations. Today's motives for marriage lie predominantly in sex appeal and selfishness. Many women marry for financial security, to gain access to wealth, a pension or social status. For men, too, a woman's wealth often plays a major role, not least her ability to work.

Other negative factors that play a decisive role in marriage are based on family and social policy and often come about through coercion and threats. Such motives for marriage can never fulfil the purpose of marriage, which is to achieve a state of higher spiritual perfection.

The love that alone justifies marriage can only be born of that great longing that gives a glimpse of the bliss of merging with one's separated primordial partner. This love is a creative fire that gives and sustains life. It is the force that fertilises the woman for the purpose of progeny, while inspiring the man to creative deeds and new ideas.

Love is constant service, meaningful giving and helpfulness. It is the will to be selflessness, to overcome egoism, the power to renounce for the sake of the beloved, best friendship and companionship. Love also helps to develop all the good qualities and talents in one's partner. In this sense, true love is the most beautiful and best means of self-perfection in the coexistence of human beings.

11. Marriage and family

Marriage and family are related concepts, because the main purpose of marriage is to start a family, unless special circumstances prevent this. The family is the model for the state. That is why family harmony and the sanctity of marriage are of utmost importance for young people growing up and for the structure of the state. The prosperity and flourishing of a state rest on the pillars of the family.

In the family, we already have the best example of community life, which will acquire particular significance in the Age of Aquarius. This does not refer to a primitive patriarchal community based on blood ties, but rather to spiritual communities of interest. Blood ties will have almost no bearing in the future, because spiritual kinship is much higher than the bonds of blood. Therefore, even a strongly developed maternal feeling will no longer be limited to one's own children, because children who are strangers to us by blood are often much closer to us in spirit than our own.

If we therefore focus our interest today on the formation of genuine communities whose goals are spiritual unity and creative development, the establishment of new communities must first take place on a spiritual basis and at the same time be prepared within families, as people become aware of the communal origins and base their marital bonds in future on the corresponding primordial elements, whereby spiritual kinship will also coincide with the bonds of blood.

Wonderful are the feelings of love and friendship for the family and for one's neighbour. They teach us the most beautiful and the highest things and form the indispensable steps that lead to receiving that cosmic love which is predestined for every human being who has recognised his cosmic calling.

12. Marriage and children

The physical goal of marriage is primarily procreation, that is, the begetting of offspring. However, there are also childless marriages that are karmically conditioned and can be just as happy as marriages blessed with many children. The life task of most marriages consists exclusively of raising children. Some people, on the other hand, would be prevented from fulfilling special tasks in this incarnation if they also had to devote themselves to raising children.

Children should be conceived in a state of mental and spiritual readiness, and they should be welcomed with a joyful heart like dear guests, rather than being regarded as annoying products of chance or passion. For the knowing spouse, the conception of a child has a higher meaning. We know from previous lessons that the soul of every child existed long before birth and in some cases has already undergone hundreds of incarnations. The child may even be spiritually older and more mature than its present parents. Therefore, children are never the spiritual product of their parents, but only the biological, physical and, in most cases, also the spiritual relatives. Any resemblance to the parents is based on biological heredity; the spirit may be completely different in nature.

Knowing parents will prepare for the conception of their children differently than unknowing parents, for they expect not only their own physical product, but usually a spiritually related and old friend, for whose upbringing and development they take responsibility. There is almost always a previous connection or relationship between the incarnating soul and the mother or father.

Vice and bad parents usually attract bad children, while good parents attract good ones. However, this is not always the case; karmic bonds can also demand the opposite possibilities. The mother's task is a sacred one. Through her spiritual attitude towards the new earth citizen, she facilitates the child's maturation in this dense physical world.

Although, in addition to the refinement of character, the main purpose of marriage lies in the upbringing of children, there is nevertheless no need to exploit a woman's fertility to the utmost. Every mother also has higher obligations, and therefore a completely natural abstinence, which can be regulated through self-control, should be observed in marriage. In this way, the growth of the family can be regulated. When one's thinking is filled with higher interests, this is easily possible.

Undoubtedly, this is very difficult in the present state of human society. However, there are families in which the evil spirit of abortion finds no access, and their number will certainly increase in the future through education.

In this context, one must also think of so-called illegitimate children. From a cosmic point of view, there are no illegitimate children. A woman who gives herself out of sincere love

should therefore never be condemned. External circumstances and conditions often prevent a relationship from being legalised in public. Even the acceleration of evolution cannot change this, although the latter will be to blame in many cases. On the other hand, there are countless parents who, because of their moral depravity, would not be morally entitled to have children, for only love is authorised to do so. It is therefore all the more reprehensible to make a distinction between legitimate and illegitimate children.

13. Termination of pregnancy

The deliberate destruction of nascent life, i.e. termination of pregnancy or abortion, has reached such horrific proportions at the end of this dark era that it has become the worst side effect of the process of family breakdown, which must be given the utmost attention. Every deliberate termination of pregnancy that is not carried out as a result of danger to the mother's life (and only then is it excusable) violates the cosmic laws, because it means the destruction of an already existing and developing life.

The term "termination of pregnancy" used in everyday language is not appropriate for the given situation, because it is not a termination of pregnancy, but an abortion or a violent intervention to end it. What has been interrupted can still be continued. However, this is not possible in the case of an aborted pregnancy, because in the case of a new pregnancy, a new being also develops. However, since this illogical technical term "termination of pregnancy" has already found its way into medicine and social science, it will take a very long time before experts will return to the correct term.

The motives for this irresponsible act lie, on the one hand, in convenience or social and economic considerations and, on the other hand, in the plight and unfortunate circumstances of some families. In the case of abortion of illegitimate children, fear of shame often plays a role. Yet illegitimate children are usually the result of great love, and among them, despite the greatest disadvantages in their youth, there have been many brilliant people. Just think of Leonardo da Vinci.

Why is abortion prohibited according to cosmic laws, unless the mother's life requires this intervention? First of all, there are purely human considerations. Abortions have caused far more unhappiness and misery than they have ever prevented. Mothers suffer not only emotionally, even if they try to ease their conscience, but also physically. Even today, when medical methods have improved significantly, no procedure is without subsequent adverse effects on the mother's health.

Population policy makers must also take a stand against abortion because in some countries the offspring necessary to preserve the life of a people is not being born and an entirely superannuation of the population is occurring, which has very adverse social and economic consequences. Thus, even from a material point of view, the social indication that is used to justify abortion for economic reasons is not valid. It is the duty and responsibility of the community to create better social conditions, which would certainly be possible if, for instance, the absurd arms race were abolished. One should not resort to the outdated argument of the threat of overpopulation of the earth, because the Englishman Robert Malthus (1766–1834), who at the time alarmed the world with his theory that humanity multiplies in geometric progression (squared), but food production only increases in arithmetic progression (simple), has not been proven right to this day. Quite apart from that, natural birth control without abortion is not only possible, but also morally justifiable.

However, the decisive factor in the prohibition of abortion is not so much material much material motives, but rather ethical ones. For those souls who have prepared themselves for incarnation, being pushed back from earthly life causes severe upheaval. As we know from earlier explanations, a person's spirit exists long before their physical conception. Most earthlings have already undergone hundreds of incarnations in which their consciousness, character and various abilities have developed. Numerous preparations in the subtle world are necessary for each rebirth, but these are destroyed by abortion. The laborious process of building a new mental, astral and etheric body was in vain, and the new life impulse was forcibly interrupted. The poor beings who chose the families into which they wanted to

be born, or whose parents were chosen for them by the lords of the law of karma, descended to their mother, but in the case of an abortion, they are forcibly rejected by her. As a result, they are neither truly born nor dead, since their consciousness could not unfold, but they remain in the subtle elemental realm until their life impulse has come to an end or has been lived out. For anyone who has been pushed back, this is a greater tragedy than the murder of an adult, who at least used up part of their life impulse and also had the opportunity to develop their consciousness. In the case of an abortion, the damage is therefore greater than in the case of the killing of an adult. That is why Master MORYA teaches: “...Therefore, to suppress the conception of children is worse than murder. ...” (LMG I, § 421)

The spirit of the incarnating human being connects with the foetus at the moment of conception. It begins to enter it definitively when the first nerve and brain channels form in the fourth month. The strengthening of the spine is the next stage of possession. Therefore, an abortion cannot be regarded as merely the loss of a thumb.

The moment of birth is significant, when the spirit consciousness flares up brightly and then pours into matter. The complete possession of the body by the spirit takes place in the seventh year of the child's life.

LIVING ETHICS teaches: “*Even as hunger directs toward food, so the spirit is directed toward incarnation, as only matter can give the new impulses.*” Consequently, it is easy to imagine how much suffering is inflicted on a spirit when it has already begun incarnation and is now being pushed back, especially when it has also been attracted by its karma. What heavy karma, therefore, do ignorant parents bring upon themselves by deliberately destroying the foetus. Certainly, this may be judged more leniently because of ignorance of the consequences, but these cannot be prevented and therefore entail a chain of new negative effects.

It is also not true that a woman who deliberately has an abortion always attracts only lower spirits, as is often argued as an excuse. It can often be observed that in a family where there is a “good-for-nothing”, good children are also born. Karma connects entire groups of people for many millennia, and sometimes even a high spirit does not have immaculate parents. The dark forces are, of course, particularly interested in preventing the birth of high spirits and therefore use a variety of means to prevent incarnations that are undesirable and dangerous to them.

In any case, abortion is only permitted if the mother's life is at risk. The mother's life has absolute priority. The Catholic Church takes a wrong position in this regard (see Pope Pius XII's publication from 1951). The mother is not only the giver of life, but also responsible for the upbringing and life of children already born or yet to come. Furthermore, even in the case of a necessary medical intervention, it can never be said in advance whether the child to be saved would be viable at all, which is why it would be wrong not to give priority to preserving the life of the mother.

This question is certainly very controversial, but knowledge of the law of karma provides clarity here. Only the lords of the law of karma, who oversee rebirths, know when a woman is absolutely incapable of bearing children. If they therefore allow a pregnancy to occur that poses a mortal danger to the life of the expectant mother, it is the self-created karma of the incarnating spirit that it must return to the subtle world without having accomplished anything, and the lengthy preparations for its rebirth are destroyed, because in a previous life it had deliberately and therefore fully responsibly caused the same fate to befall another person.

A woman can only be asked to forego having children and take on this heavy karma if her infertility has been clearly established. There are cases where even doctors cannot assess this with absolute certainty beforehand, and where both the mother and the child miraculously survive. Therefore, the strictest standards must be applied in all questionable cases of abortion.

Incidentally, the motives for the act are always and everywhere decisive, not the act itself, otherwise one would also have to condemn an unintentional killing in self-defence as murder. However, neither cosmic nor civil laws do this. Saving a mother's life in the event of

an acute threat to her life is equivalent to justified self-defence. Otherwise, it would be permissible to conclude that a spirit who chooses a mother who is unable to give birth, especially if he knew beforehand that the mother would die as a result of his birth, would be a conscious murderer. Of course, there have been cases in the past where it was the mother's karma that she had to sacrifice her life by giving birth to a child. This possibility cannot be ruled out in the future either, and in such cases the mother's conscience will have to decide.

The fate of being forcibly rejected in order to save the mother's life can, of course, also befall a developed spirit if it was complicit in an abortion in a previous incarnation. There are likely very few people who are completely free of this guilt, given the large number of past incarnations. This is also a reason why it is better for most people not to know anything about their past, as they would not be able to bear this burden psychologically without higher development and the repayment of their debts. People already suffer enough from the depression caused by their current circumstances.

Significant and higher spirits will never choose mothers who are likely to experience complications during childbirth, as their birth must be carefully prepared and all such complications must be avoided from the outset. Such higher beings are rarely unwanted by a healthy and fertile mother under evil influence or under the coercion of her husband. If an infertile woman was chosen for an incarnating spirit, it was because he simply could not escape his self-inflicted karma, so that the law, according to which the life of an endangered mother must be given absolute priority, could be fulfilled.

It is completely futile to combat abortion by legal means. Even in countries where abortion is punishable as murder, the number of abortions is nevertheless on the rise and has far exceeded the rate of live births in many cases. In a European country with a population of 7 million, the number of abortions per year is estimated at 200,000 to 300,000. This is a horrific death toll that, shameful to say, is rarely mentioned in the press.

People are completely unaware of these crimes and their karmic consequences. The primary cause of this is the existing distorted worldview, which blasphemously prevents knowledge of the natural law of cause and effect, or karma, and leads to total irresponsibility through the fictitious absolution of sin.

This calamity can only be curbed through ethical and religious education. Criminal law will never be able to cope with the situation if doctors can carry out hundreds of such murders before something becomes known by chance and entire diaries with lists of abortions come to light through carelessness. The enrichment of some doctors through such murders are the most shameful crimes that exist, which is why the karmic consequences are correspondingly severe. As the saying so truthfully and clearly puts it: *"Don't do unto others what you would not have done unto you."* There is no more apt way to express the majority of the karma that can be expected.

Those doctors, midwives and other persons who perform these forbidden procedures are like hired assassins, while the parents are the ones who commission them. A doctor who performs such procedures for profit is in any case more culpable than an ignorant mother. Without ethical education, which makes people aware of the karmic consequences that no one can escape, even if the arm of earthly justice does not reach them, it is impossible to solve the problem of abortion. The dark forces have staged this battle against the unborn mainly to prevent the birth of the chosen recipients of the coming race.

For this reason, the fight against the evil of abortion must be waged primarily through religious and ethical education, through teaching personal responsibility (for one's thoughts and actions) and through raising awareness among the younger generation. Have compassion for the unborn and actively help to spread this knowledge, especially among uninformed young parents. You are not only helping yourselves, but the whole of humanity.

14. Divorce

Divorce is also a very significant marital problem today. We see broken marriages all over the world. In some social circles, unhappy marriages have become a widespread phenomenon. Many people who have married want to leave after a short time because they are

disappointed or bored, in order to look for a new partner. There is no longer any trace of the ethical sense of marriage here.

Statistics show that the number of divorces doubled after the Second World War. In 1948, the divorce rate reached its peak: in 1949/50, it declined somewhat, but even then, twice as many marriages ended in divorce as before the war. The divorce psychosis was particularly strong in Great Britain, which had five times as many divorces as before the war. In wealthy Sweden, which was untouched by the war, the number is twice as high, in France the increase is 161%, and in the USA 154%. These are the bare figures. The current divorce record is held by an American film actress who has been married 18 times. Such a situation is akin to legalised prostitution with high profit motives. No wonder that most of the American national wealth is already in the hands of women due to high alimony obligations, with 64% of share capital already in women's hands in ¹1957, for example.

Statistics also show that it is primarily wartime marriages that have broken down. The reasons given for divorce were: 15% own fault, 23% insufficient income, 62% poor housing conditions. However, these alleged reasons for divorce are not the real cause, but in reality only appear as secondary or triggering factors.

In true love, the above reasons do not play a role, because two people who truly love each other will stick together through thick and thin, even under the most difficult circumstances. The real cause of divorce lies elsewhere, primarily in choosing the wrong partner, secondly in a lack of mutual understanding and a lack of willpower and selflessness, thirdly in the general psychosis of unhappy marriages, and fourthly in the difficult karmic conditions that blind the partners at the moment of choice so that karma can take effect. Bad karmic conditions are better reflected in an unfavourable planetary constellation of the partners. Fifthly, profit-seeking motives for marriage must also be mentioned, in which any love is excluded from the outset. Sixthly, abnormal and pathological sexual gratification usually causes unhappy and unnatural marriages. Seventhly, the acceleration of evolution today brings us together with many more people, hence the greater number of inevitable karmic encounters.

Added to this are countless minor difficulties in married life, which gradually, like constant dripping wears away a stone, undermine the foundation of marriage. These dangers are the banalities of everyday life. Jealousy and mistrust are also very negative phenomena in marriage, especially when one partner has a lot of contact with people of the opposite sex in their work. It is not uncommon for partners to hinder each other's spiritual development, because although there is physical compatibility, there is often a lack of spiritual compatibility. Without this, however, a harmonious marriage is impossible. Irritability and sensitivity also prevent loving harmony and must be discarded, otherwise a growing emotional distance between the partners is inevitable.

Marriage is based on equality. This is precisely where the great difficulty lies. As long as patriarchy prevailed, women simply had to submit to the will of men, unless the woman was the dominant partner in the marriage by virtue of her psychic energy and stronger will. Life brings with it differences of opinion in everyday matters. One time, when a decision is made, no matter how trivial and banal, the woman may be in favour and the man against, and the next time it may be the other way around. Who gives in each time? As a rule, the weaker partner will be forced to give in. If this weaker partner rebels and tries to assert their will, the stronger partner will angrily claim: 'It seems you want to become a domestic tyrant!' The stronger partner does not even notice that they have been constantly tyrannising the weaker half of the marriage. Meanwhile, the stronger partner does not even notice that they have been constantly tyrannising their weaker spouse.

This shows that a marriage based on equality between the female and male primordial beginnings is much more difficult and can only exist and flourish on the basis of mutual understanding, respect, courtesy and forbearance. This is precisely the main purpose of marriage, so that character can be perfected in this way.

¹ As is well known, the statistics have worsened many times over by 2010. Added to this is the slow extinction of the Central European peoples due to modern, childless single life.

The ideal of marriage also changes over the course of life. Young people have different notions of marriage than those of mature age. Much also changes in the course of time. The transition from patriarchy to gender equality has the greatest influence on marital relationships, which is given far too little attention by sociologists and psychologists. Why were there no divorces in earlier centuries? Were there no reasons for it back then? Oh yes, but in earlier centuries there was no legal way to dissolve a marriage that had become a prison as easily as today. Today, a marriage that is perceived as a burdensome shackle is immediately broken up without anyone caring about the karmic consequences, because these are still completely unknown due to a lack of enlightened understanding.

The patriarchal churches of the West may not recognise divorce, but this idea is also based on a misunderstanding of the laws of nature. It is no wonder that people swung from one extreme, which forced the unhappy spouses to remain in a veritable marital prison for the rest of their lives, to the other extreme, developing an overly liberal conception of the bond of marriage. Certainly, the churches have conceded divorce from table and bed, but this has led to social ostracism and social and economic weakening, especially for the women affected in those countries where Catholic influence is particularly strong. Nevertheless, a new and happy marriage was not allowed, which is wrong from a cosmic point of view.

Chiromy (the study of palm lines) provides sufficient verifiable factual material for the karmically predetermined encounter with several partners in one lifetime, as does astrology. The so-called marriage lines at the "locus matrimonialis", which can already be detected in the hands of newborns, prove that people often bring several karmic marriage bonds with them to Earth, both pleasant and unpleasant. These bonds do not necessarily lead to a marriage that is officially confirmed. In addition, there are also many acquaintances and friendships that become visible through signs on the Mount of Venus and the lifeline.

For these reasons, it can be precisely proven through observation that the law of nature does not always prescribe a permanent bond with a single partner. Certainly the change can also be conditioned by death. The point of monogamy is not that one is no longer allowed to separate from a wrong spouse, but that people do not have several marriages simultaneously, which has happened throughout history, despite church prohibitions and threats of severe punishment.

Why pretend to the public that you have a happy marriage when, in reality, all hell is breaking loose at home! Therefore, from an ethical point of view, divorce is permissible if the damage caused by maintaining an unhappy marriage is greater than the benefit, and the spouses are still too weak in this life to lead a peaceful and harmonious life together. However, in maintaining an unhappy marriage, one must go to the utmost limits of what is bearable; otherwise, in most cases, divorce will be tantamount to failing a cosmic test.

The separation must be carried out in peace and without hatred. Those who separate from their partner with feelings of hatred and revenge will meet them again in a later incarnation until the threads of hatred have been solved. Hatred binds just as love does. People who hate each other are just as spiritually chained together as people who love each other. When love ceases, the bond ends. However, those who love more will strengthen a bond. The same can be said of hatred. The difference, however, is that love builds up and hatred destroys. Only those who find the strength for love will overcome and forget their enemies and tormentors.

If two spouses hinder each other's spiritual and moral perfection through quarrelling, strife and unkindness, and they are unable to create a tolerable situation through patience, love and forbearance, then such a marriage must be dissolved, for its continuation would only increase unhappiness. In these cases, divorce is necessary and morally permissible. No church and no human legislation could be responsible for the spiritual and moral damage that the forced continuation of a broken marriage would entail. The notion that marriages on earth cannot or may not be dissolved when dissolution appears necessary is the opinion of priests and not God's commandment. In any case, people only want the dissolution of an imperfect marriage. A harmonious and happy marriage will endure on its own. It is therefore necessary to ensure that imperfect marriages are avoided from the outset in order to prevent unhappiness, rather than increasing it through coercion.

It is not uncommon for the new and desired spouse to be found in someone else's home. In this case, however, it is essential to ensure that new marital happiness is not built on the unhappiness of another person, i.e. that the destruction of another marriage must be avoided, unless this marriage is also dissolved by mutual consent and the partners part as friends. In any case, it must always be borne in mind that the duty to the family and children is sacred.

The majority of today's lust-driven human dominates the conviction that only those who know how to enjoy their lives to the fullest through as many relationships as possible are happy. From a cosmic point of view, this opinion is completely wrong. It is not Don Juan and the hetaera who are to be praised for their happiness, but those decent people who strive to untangle the intricate knots of their marital fate in order to become more morally mature. Whoever does not have the strength to bring themselves to ideal monogamy is, spiritually speaking, an unsuccessful human being.

15. The concept of marriage in the future

The highest purpose of marriage lies in reuniting with one's separated original partner. This goal will be achieved universally in the sixth root race and must first be prepared for by creating ideal monogamous marriages. Until union with one's twin soul, all marriages with other partners serve merely to gather life experience and refine one's character. Without this difficult path of perfection, union with the twin soul would be impossible, because even this marriage would have to break down, since two imperfect partners, even if they belong together by nature, would not be immune to quarrels and other differences as a result of their character flaws and would therefore also drift apart. Union in the highest love and bliss therefore requires a certain degree of perfection, which can mainly be achieved through living with less ideal partners.

Until the final union, therefore, every marriage can only be relatively perfect. The coming marriage hypothesis of the Age of Aquarius leads people to ideal monogamy, which can be generally achieved through the appropriate choice of partner. The desire of the masses will focus on this ideal as soon as the coming world religion has gained general acknowledgement.

We will increasingly experience that people who belong together by their Creator already meeting on Earth and increasing their longing for eternal union through a harmonious and happy monogamous marriage until they are finally consciously united for eternity in all spheres, even beyond death. When both want to return to Earth, they will attempt their return at the same time, and fate will inevitably bring them together. They will then recognise each other immediately. As long as this state has not yet been reached, the lasting and happy union with the twin soul must be prepared for in an ideal monogamous marriage with a similar partner. No human being can be completely happy before this.

Certainly, ideal monogamy is a seemingly unattainable long-term goal given the current process of social disintegration. The negative phenomena of the present day cannot be eliminated from the world so quickly. But somewhere and somehow, a corresponding enlightenment must begin, because a better world can only be prepared for through better ideas. The events of world history, which are jumbling up peoples and races, are forcing families to achieve greater harmony all by themselves. If there is already unrest and strife in the wider world, then the family needs harmony and peace all the more – otherwise, chaos will be complete

It is up to people themselves to have happy or unhappy marriages. Marriage becomes karma. Good karma must be prepared through appropriate thoughts and actions. Everyone must free themselves from errors. Here, too, absolution fails completely. Those who do not muster the strength to get things straight in this life will have to do so sooner or later in one of their next lives.

The earth is the school of consciousness. Therefore, perfection and bliss can only be attained in the embodied state, through the accumulation of experience and knowledge. Whoever resolves to embrace the idea of monogamy and muster the moral strength to persevere,

despite the knowledge and conviction that they may not have made the right choice, is on the path to great happiness with their heavenly bridegroom or heavenly bride.

16. Marriage and the pupil on the spiritual » Path «

Students and disciples on the “path” often live in very complicated marital relationships, where the strongest energies and worst characteristics must be transmuted. Consider the classic example: Socrates and Xanthippe. Stubborn and difficult spouses have helped many disciples to recognise and shed their worst traits. In doing so, they have also succeeded in transforming an ill-suited duo and a marriage that was impossible in a cosmic sense into a relatively ideal marriage, which may never be the final solution, but has led to a victory of love, patience and self-conquest.

Such disciples owe a great debt of gratitude to their less suitable partners, precisely because they were able to pass the most difficult tests over the years, come what may. True disciples seek severe tests, because without them, no ascent is possible. It is not uncommon for them to have made their partner an eternal friend and co-worker. Can there be a more beautiful victory on earth than this triumph of love, patience and self-control? Therefore, all students on the path are advised to take on these trials in marriage. Quite apart from that, it is also impossible to escape them.

For people who have devoted themselves to practical occultism or the spiritual “path”, a certain amount of abstinence is undoubtedly necessary, because all energies must be preserved for the development of special qualities. But one can also serve without being an ascetic. Many believe that monasticism is essential for spiritual growth and that purity of life, which is indispensable for approaching the Master, consists primarily in celibacy. However, this is a fallacy. Purity of life is mainly understood to mean pure thinking, pure intentions, fearlessness, steadfastness and independent action. All other needs and functions of the body, being natural, cannot be considered impure. Only their excess is harmful and destructive and is therefore unlawful.

If someone has the great good fortune to gain the trust of the Master and receive a task from HIM, and if the performance of this task requires passing the acid test of life in the deepest mud, yet his whole being is striving to fulfil this command to the best of his ability, he can stand on the summit after successful execution, while the fanatical ascetic, who dwells in the ice cellar with a silent heart and did not understand how to give love, will remain in the spiritual desert, from which there is no way to the radiant stronghold of eternal life. That's the point – not to isolating oneself in life, but to transform all one's feelings into higher beauty, for which love and marriage offer the best opportunities.

17. Freedom in marriage and in community

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Human life is a struggle for freedom, a struggle to overcome limitations. One expression of the narrowest limitation is, on the one hand, being bound to the earth and attached to the earth and, on the other hand, imprisonment or jail. However, there are other institutions in human life that can become prisons, namely bound and forced coexistence with other people, especially in marriage. The latter can become an expression of the greatest deprivation of liberty or restriction, even martyrdom, since the mental anguish is often harder to bear than being alone in a prison.

Every human community is in itself a restriction of freedom. However, this cannot be avoided, since a life without community, even without marriage, is impossible in the long run. The degree of freedom in both community and marriage depends on the level of consciousness of the people involved. If people are spiritually primitive, their rights to freedom in community and society, but also in marriage, will be curtailed and severely restricted. The higher the level of spirituality or consciousness, the greater the degree of freedom granted, for the laws of

wisdom state that in the long run, one can only win a person as a friend by granting them freedom.

However, in order to arrive at this realisation, difficult trials in life are unavoidable. They must also be exemplified by individual masters and disciples on the spiritual path, for without examples and role models there can be no spiritual development and no understanding of the inevitable necessities of spiritual evolution. Only what strong spirits have exemplified, such as the crucifixion of Christ, will then be courageously endured by weaker ones.

Every human individual has the right to the greatest possible development in the greatest possible freedom, provided that the higher rights of the community are not violated.

Marriage is a community in itself and must be based on mutual respect and freedom. For all people, it is at the same time the most important school of life through the practice of life, which no one can escape in the long run, nor should they, if they have the opportunity to do so.

Firstly, this is necessary for human reproduction and, secondly, marriage is the institution where character is most developed and the most life experience can be gained. Human character develops in this school of life, which is both the sweetest and the hardest of extremes, between love and hate, freedom and bondage, heaven and hell.

A marriage is only a true marriage when the bond is based on the greatest possible freedom and spiritual, emotional and physical attraction. If this attraction wanes, love automatically fades, and the marriage can only be maintained as a human bond if at least the necessary spiritual points of contact are present.

It is completely wrong to regard one's beloved spouse as property, or even as a prisoner. The right to freedom must be preserved under all circumstances, as it is wrong to regard marriage as a karmic contract until the end of life. Karmic ties to other people can not only be brought into each new life from previous incarnations, but in fact are in many cases, so that absolute monogamy until death as a natural institution has never existed in human history. It is a voluntary gift.

A marriage is only a true marriage as long as mutual attraction exists on all three levels, i.e. spiritual, emotional and physical, and as long as the partners have a mutual desire not to restrict their personal freedom and not to regard each other as prisoners. The happiness of a marriage cannot be forced, least of all by depriving someone of their freedom. Happiness in marriage comes only on the basis of voluntariness and voluntary giving and entrusting oneself to the other. True love is the result of mutual attraction and deep respect.

a) The outer and inner Way of the Cross

In the Age of Aquarius, the outer Way of the Cross will be superseded by the inner Way of the Cross for many people, and especially for disciples on the spiritual path, because the latter is much more difficult. The outer Way of the Cross, connected with crucifixion at the last station of suffering, is a short path of suffering, mostly associated with physical pain, and was often even longed for. The outer Way of the Cross is therefore also much easier than an inner crucifixion of a spiritual nature, lasting many years, suffered through insults, belittlement, humiliation, abuse, ridicule, slander, degradation, unloving treatment and sadistic mental torture by a mentally inferior, uneducated, crude, selfish person who is only interested in their own interests, to whom one is at the mercy of as a wife or husband and to whom one has become a contractual prisoner through marriage.

Those imprisoned in the dungeon of marriage are usually unable to escape, even if they have committed adultery according to earthly laws. He or she is brought back again and again, often by force, sometimes by pleading or even by threats if an attempt to escape has been made, because otherwise the victim of the torment would be lost, since the jailer thrives on the torment and psychological energy of his or her object.

Such an inner ordeal under the constant presence and guarding of the spouse who has become the jailer is worse than several years in a medieval prison dungeon with rats and mice, for these eerie, but ultimately cut creatures of God – in their ugliness not the voluntary work of a divine creator, but the result of the ugly thoughts of humanity, which materialise

as vermin, for a loving God never created vermin on purpose – can even become lovely play-mates who have more compassion for the prisoners than many a jailer in human form. Moreover, one may take up the fight against rats and mice without being imprisoned, as would be the case with physical resistance against the jailer.

While the external Way of the Cross unfolds under dramatic external circumstances, attracting crowds of onlookers, among whom are many compassionate men and women who want to help the tortured man carrying the burden of the cross, and who are sometimes allowed to bring him relief, as Simon of Cyrene and Veronica once did, even if they cannot prevent the crucifixion itself, because it must be carried out according to a higher law, the inner crucifixion takes place without spectators, without compassionate participants, in complete silence, and is therefore all the more tragic and painful. For the inner crucifixion must not or cannot be shown to anyone, in order to avoid scandal or at least useless gossip, and so as not to hinder the inwardly tormented person from carrying out a more or less important life task, or life tasks must be carried out under all circumstances as a work of salvation or aid to humanity planned from above. Neglecting or being unfaithful to an important life task results in severe karmic punishment.

The tormented person must always smile and bring joy even to those who cannot cope with much smaller problems in life. Of course, there is a limit to what is reasonable, a weight limit to the burden of the cross and a limit to the draining of psychic energy. In such cases, elder brothers or sisters from the subtle realm will intervene to prevent a collapse of psychic energy, which can occur under overload from the influence of satanic forces and is always provoked when an important task is imminent or a highly urgent task has to be done to prevent it.

Truly, as Gautama Buddha taught, there is no greater suffering than being united with those we do not love and separated from those we love, and yet even this long inner suffering must be brought to a successful conclusion.

b) The test of the spiritual pupil

Every pupil and disciple on the spiritual path must walk their way to Golgotha. Most people walk a path of invisible crucifixion in some form, from which no one is spared. However, it is only imposed as a test by the spiritual leaders to a greater or lesser degree of difficulty when the spiritual student has matured enough to withstand this burden, for such mental torment and humiliation, which can last for decades, in constant close proximity and presence of the enemy, often becomes a daily crucifixion and imprisonment, especially when the tormentor forcibly blocks and locks the door during an escape attempt, when the prisoner hopes to be able to make at least a short trip out of prison to breathe fresh air in the forest, to do prana- yama in order to calm himself down again, i.e. to escape the torments of his jailer for a while, until he has recharged his mental energy to such an extent that he can return to his temporarily inescapable dungeon.

For some disciples and even masters, such imprisonment can begin at the time of their marriage, see Socrates. However, it is not immediately recognised as such, but only months and years later, after the contractual bond of marriage has already been entered into and the disciple realises that he has fallen into the hands of an inferior and sadistic jailer or even a poor vampire, whom he was not allowed to recognise, otherwise he would have avoided his inner Golgotha, i.e. escaped from it, in order to spare himself the torments of an almost lifelong dungeon with bitter disappointments, humiliations and senseless waste of time.

Who would not recoil, even the bravest, if he saw the film of such a life before marriage, instead of only when it is already too late? Who can be expected to face such a painful future with joy, even in silence? That is why the jailer appears in the guise of a loved one. The disciple is blinded. Love for the future jailer is kindled, even voluntarily, and the hope of leading a happy life with him awakens. The karmically voluntary or involuntary tragedy begins when it is already too late to flee. It turns out that one has not entered a joyful garden, but a painful labyrinth in which Ariadne's thread can only be unwound with utmost skill and patience in order to reach the light of day again.

What, then, is the deeper meaning of such a difficult task and test? Through one's example, by enduring the humiliations and degradations imposed, one must teach the spiritually inferior and primitive jailer, laboriously educate him, win him over with love for the cause of the spirit, which means leading him to a higher level of consciousness and even making him a willing and convinced collaborator – an extraordinarily difficult experiment. Above all, the jailer must be educated to recognise the right to personal freedom.

Through our example, we must induce him to recognise the cosmic law: *“It is good to understand that one can possess things without a feeling of ownership”* §92 LMG. This law applies not only in economic life and in the social sphere, but also in married life. It applies not only to things, but also to persons. We have no right to curtail a person's freedom, not even in marriage, not even in the family, neither parents towards their children nor vice versa. Parents not only have a duty to educate their children, but also a right to do so, yet even in this respect, children must be granted enough freedom so that their inner development is not inhibited.

However, the right to freedom between parents and children is fundamentally different from the right to freedom between spouses. More than ever, children need discipline in their own interests so that they can integrate into human society as smoothly as possible later in life without coming into conflict with criminal law and unnecessarily filling public prisons. Today, due to a lack of disciplined upbringing in some countries, almost 50% of criminal offences and crimes are committed by young people under the age of 20.

Children are inexperienced humans who need guidance and instruction, just like those spouses who confuse their role as husband or wife with that of a jailer and physically and emotionally drain and terrorise their partner.

As has been repeatedly proven, no human being can escape life once they have been brought into being by a higher power. In order to bring about our own happiness, we must therefore go with the flow of evolution, whether we want to or not. However, the sooner we become spiritual beings, the sooner we will escape the lower states of existence, where the greatest tension between joy and sorrow, good and evil, exists.

One of the most difficult tasks in life for a spiritual student is to educate such people, who feel called upon to be jailers as husbands or wives, with patience and love and by enduring humiliation, so that they are led to a higher spiritual level, can stand on their own two feet with their psychic energy, and ultimately become lasting friends who remain friends even if the marriage has ended. This is because the meaning of marriage is not, as the Christian churches falsely teach, that one must remain together until death separates them, but that one becomes lasting friends. Death does not separate people at all; beyond the grave, they remain either friends or enemies or even indifferent partners in the subtle realm.

A marriage is therefore only justified until the task set in each life has been accomplished, which is particularly important to note when there are children to whom there is a joint educational obligation. In any case, a marriage that is based solely on the desire to possess the beloved or captured object is unjustified, even if the object entered into captivity voluntarily, and even more so if, as is often the case, it is held captive by threats of suicide, thereby criminally disregarding the principles of human freedom. There have also been enough cases where suicide threats have been used to force a marriage, which is also strictly forbidden.

Of course, it is no art to be united with a beloved partner with whom a life of harmony and joy is possible from the outset, whether due to a special love and respect or due to the same spirituality and level of consciousness and corresponding nobleness of the heart. This is a special blessing and grace in the current state of earthly conditions. It is incomparably more difficult to raise a spiritually unequal partner to a higher level, especially if they behave even more improperly than a wild horse that must first be laboriously tamed. It is no art to have a happy marriage with a spiritually equal and educated person.

Mastery, however, requires that one cope with the greatest obstacles and difficulties, but one cannot fight incessantly and in every life with all possible obstacles and difficulties, at least not in the inner realm, day and night, so to speak, because this could also

mean physical death, not to mention serious illness. In the outer struggle, there are at least breaks in the turmoil of battle.

No one can escape the laws of life, not even the monk or nun in a monastery. Such a life only means postponing the obstacles to the next incarnation. Life means community, neighbourliness, adaptation, consideration in the highest degree, procreation and, last but not least, **struggle with obstacles and difficulties against human inadequacy and imperfection in every respect.**

It is easy to live alone in the greatest possible independence, but the evolution of the spirit requires that one must first go out into life in order to overcome obstacles and difficulties through community life and coexistence and to gain more and more experience. One should therefore only retire to a peaceful place in old age, when physical vigour has declined and when people are increasingly dependent on mutual help and support.

No spiritual pupil is spared the struggle with life's difficulties. Freedom must be won again and again, and the chains of spiritual bondage must be broken again and again, whether in the outer struggle or in the inner struggle of marriage. That is why it is often the case that a partner who was originally loved becomes, after years, a jailer and even the greatest enemy with whom one must live.

The art of living and the path to mastery now consist in winning over the jailer as a friend and convincing him of the meaning and value of freedom, for then, the dungeon walls will also fall. Ultimately, it is not external freedom that is decisive, but inner freedom. This remains inviolable, even under the heaviest chains and in the deepest prison. For those who feel inwardly free, every dungeon wall falls.

Nevertheless, marriage in general should not be a prison, for this condition, which is due to ignorance, weakness of character and lack of psychic energy in inferior partners, must be overcome in the spirit of the coming spiritual evolution on earth. **Marriage must develop into a voluntary union between partners of two different sexes and must also remain a voluntary bond. The freedom of the individual must not be infringed under any circumstances,** which is why the relevant state and church marriage laws must be amended accordingly.

One can only keep a spouse in the long term and win them over again and again if one allows them complete freedom. Then the partner will gladly remain in the marital union of their own accord or return to it voluntarily if they have broken away. If not, then they should be free to go their own way, which they are entitled to do after fulfilling reasonable maintenance obligations. Divorce must not become a business, as is already common practice in the USA, whereby most of the American private wealth has already been transferred into female hands. No one has the right to regard another person as their property or as an object of exploitation. Only those who allow their fellow human beings to live joyfully and lovingly in complete freedom will themselves, as liberated beings, journey towards the light of knowledge without limitation and find new friends again and again on this path.



What use is it to your soul if only the light of the candle flickers on your desk and the light of love does not burn brightly in your heart?

What use is it to your soul if you only outwardly affirm the light and the fire of freedom does not blaze in your deeds?

What use is it to your soul if you only make sacrifices for yourself, but do not renounce a foreign life that serves you in freedom?

Learn to renounce things and people that never belong to you, but are only lent to you.

There is no such thing as property; there are only gifts bestowed by God. Even your strength and your wisdom do not remain your property.

Preserve and increase them, and thus one day return them to God, the eternal source of all being.

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Build a "Star"

Many responsible-minded and worried people today demand a practical action that promises maximum success without attracting much attention, without affiliation to a club or without political risk. In this way they live up to positive expression to their sense of responsibility towards the world situation. Working on the "Star" helps to alleviate not only spiritual but also material distress. It is therefore important to be concerned, at least a few times a day, sending out good thoughts, not for oneself, but above all for the world and for peace. Then the general mental work will also become accustomed to selfless aspirations, and there will be the hope that through such concentrated powers of thoughts the power of evil can be successfully reduced and averted. If millions of people voluntarily made themselves available to such a work, those men and women who would be fit for their purified thinking and noble character, could be able to protrude without great difficulty in religion, politics and social life in order to establish a fair and peaceful world order for the benefit of all people.

„Aum – Tat – Sat – Aum“

*Source of light in the universe,
pour out light into human thinking,
it become brighter on Earth!*

*Source of love in the universe,
pour out love into all human hearts,
May love blossom on Earth!*

*Source of wisdom in the universe,
pour out knowledge and wisdom,
let cognition prevail on Earth!*

*Source of peace in the universe,
strengthen peace and justice,
may felicity and joy be on Earth!*

*Source of power in the universe,
seal the door to evil,
that the plan of the good will be fulfilled!*

„Aum – Tat – Sat – Aum“

Source:Works of the blessed Mahatma Maitreya Morya:

Blossoms of Morya`s Garden:

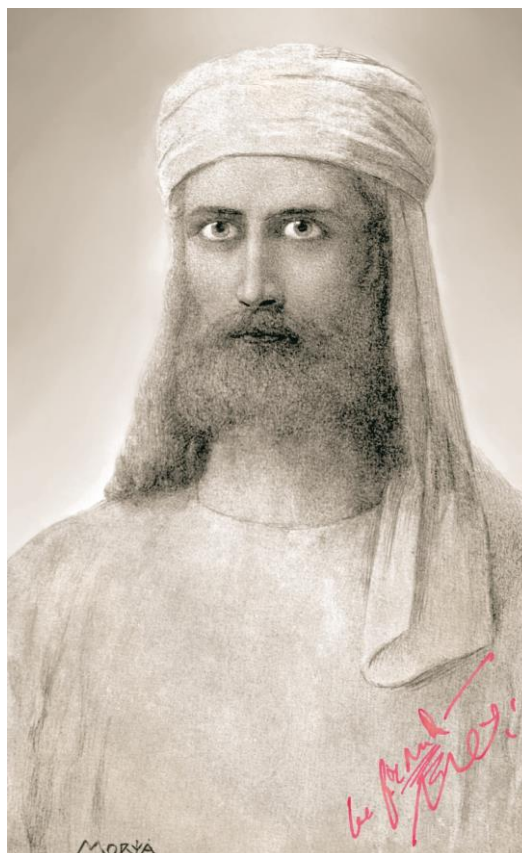
Abbreviations:

Leaves of Morya's Garden I, LMG I §§ 387**Leaves of Morya's Garden II,** LMG II §§ 358

New era:

COMMUNITY COM §§ 275

Doctrine of Living Ethics in seven themes:

AGNI YOGA AY §§ 670**INFINITY I** INF I §§ 400**INFINITY II** INF II §§ 518**HIERARCHY** HIE §§ 460**HEART** HEA §§ 600**FIERY WORLD I** FW I §§ 666**FIERY WORLD II** FW II §§ 470**FIERY WORLD III** FW III §§ 618**AUM** AUM §§ 600**BROTHERHOOD** BH §§ 610**SUPERMUNDANE** SMU §§ 955

MORYA – Indian Rajput prince, whose spirit had been raptured to the great spirit of MAITREYA and was enlightened or overshadowed by him. This portrait drawing commissioned by the artist Hermann Schmiechen in 1884 was often repainted. However, the copies only achieved a resemblance to the "face of the teacher", which is why repainted copies can lead to failure in meditations!

Living Ethics shows the way of a rational self-education through applied ethics.



LEOBRAND – Leopold Brandstätter (* 20th February 1915 Wallern, † 26th February 1968 Linz), was an Austrian nature philosopher and humanist.

His writings are concerned with ethics, humanities, psychology, philosophy, politics, ideology of the world and architecture.

In the 1950s he translated the Agni yoga doctrine from Russian together with a Baltic-German team, thus paving the way for this philosophy in German-speaking countries.

Leobrand founded a (non public) school for Living Ethics. Decades before the introduction of teaching ethics in public schools he had already written 36 lessons of Living Ethics, as the first interdenominational teaching aid for ethical training. He gave countless lectures and conducted seminars. Recordings of Leobrand's lectures are available. These historical audio documents offer the possibility to understand/think along the philosophical analysis of the great thinker Leobrand and open up new horizons for life's spiritual dimension. Philosophical accuracy and clarity of expression are Leobrand's trademarks.

The new concept of God is particularly noteworthy. For this new and completely independent concept of God, a new term was created: "UNIVERALO". Leobrand's concept is explained on a hierarchical basis, it detaches itself from the abstract and merges with the whole existence. It includes many philosophical and historical concepts as well as advanced knowledge of relatively immortal spiritual fields of force. Leobrand therewith expressed the first and only humanistic definition of God within a new world-view and pulls the rug from under atheism. The new concept of God is as dynamic as nature itself and thus indicative of the forthcoming independent humanities.

Other highlights are his work for a united Europe and for a forthcoming pannational world union. Many of those great-sounding ideas of Leobrand are already self-evident reality.

Works:

1955 - 1961: 36 lessons, **Briefe über Lebendige Ethik** (*letters on Living Ethics* - in translation)

1957: **Psychische Energie** (*Psychic energy* - humanities and psychology)

1958: **Heilung durch psychische Energie** (*Healing by psychic energy* - humanities and health)

1966: **Freude** (*Joy* - philosophy)

1967: **Der Ausweg** (*The way out* - politics)

1968: **Neues Europa und Welt ABC** (*New europe and world ABC* - politics)

1968: **Das neue universelle Weltbild** (*The new universal world view* - world view)

1968: **Spiralik** (*Spiralik* - architecture of the future)

1953 - 1968: reprint, articles in magazines (partly unpublished manuscripts)

1976: **Der auferstandene Gott** (*The resurrected god* - humanities, compilation of articles)

1962 - 1967: **Lectures** and seminars on all his works (recordings MC in German language)

Activities:

1949: Establishment of a **peace league**

1953: Establishment of the (not public) „**School for Living Ethics**“ and magazine

1960: Publication of the magazine „**Spirale und grüne Wacht**“ (nature protection and biotechnology)

1961: Publication of the magazine „**Weltreichspirale**“

1962: Establishment of the association „**Welt-Spirale**“ - ethical society of progress and renewal of the world, and magazine.

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Serve peace and welfare of the world!

Overview of the „letters on living ethics, Introduction to Agni yoga“ from LEOBRAND:

Basic information ethics

1. The truth about yoga
2. Problems of spiritual renewal
3. The meaning of life
4. Karma and forming of fate
5. Might and meaning of thoughts
6. Self-help through proper thinking
7. Reincarnation – yes or no?
8. The meaning of suffering
9. Absolution or personal responsibility?
10. Dharma and life-task
11. Death and Rebirth
12. Devotions and sacrifice
13. The relationship of the sexes
- 14. Marital problems**
15. Living Ethics and education
16. Living Ethics and everyday life
17. Living Ethics and nutrition
18. Living Ethics and art

Spiritual training

19. Living Ethics – doctrine of life
20. Chakras or centers of higher consciousness
21. The spiritual meaning of the heart
22. The widening of consciousness
23. The subtle constitution of man
24. Monad or spiritual grain
25. The construction of the universe and Cosmoses
26. Subtle world
27. Fiery world
28. Brotherhood
29. The universal understanding of God
30. The Mother of the world
31. Occultism – yes or no?
32. Danger and meanders of occultism
33. Good and evil
34. The coming new world
35. Infinity
36. The path to become a master

True and perfect marriage is first and foremost an eternal spiritual bond that can also be maintained in the physical state. However, in order to come closer to the goal of a happy monogamous marriage with one's twin soul, purity and harmony in married life are absolutely essential. Marriage is the most important school of life, in which character is honed above all else through mutual friction. A true marriage does not begin at the registry office or at the altar, but with the fiery ignition of love through a feeling of togetherness. The sole motivation for marriage should be pure and genuine love. Abortion is only permitted in cases where the mother's life is at risk. Marriage is based on equality. The so-called marriage lines on the "locus matrimonialis", which can already be detected in the hands of newborns, prove that people often bring several karmic marriage bonds with them to Earth, both pleasant and unpleasant.

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