

CHAPTER 1

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*What is an Avatar?*

The great mystery which we call God, or the One we do not know, expresses and unveils Himself age after age through great Revelations — and these Revelations are called Avatars. They are not actually human beings. It is the Revelations that we call Avatars. Of course, the Revelations are done through human beings or through some who are greater than human beings. But the Avatar is the one that unveils the great mystery, age after age, deeper and greater mysteries, until one day the whole mystery is unveiled. This lesson gives a great hope to us that Divinity, that unknown factor in the Cosmos, will gradually let us know Who or What He is.

As we know Him, we will become like Him. If we know Him five percent, we are five percent like Him. If ten percent, then ten percent like Him; if fifty percent, then fifty percent. When we know Him as He is, we will be like Him. This gradual and progressive unfoldment is done through steps called “Avataric Revelations.”

There is also the One in us, the unknown factor, which tries to reveal itself age after age.

For example, at first the human being was a baby in consciousness. As his knowledge and beingness increased, he became more like the One within him that is his Solar Angel, Spirit, Soul, the unknown factor, the mystery in man, the inner glory. That great something within us is known age after age. And as it reveals itself, man is becoming the unknown factor.

As it is happening in the great Cosmos, it is happening also in man, in the animal kingdom, the vegetable kingdom, and the mineral kingdom because all these kingdoms are the body of that unknown mystery that is revealing Himself to Himself. There is no separation. If we say, for example, man is revealing himself to God and God is revealing Himself to man, it is wrong because we and all the kingdoms are the flowers on the big tree. As the tree is blooming, the flowers are blooming. The whole body is revealing itself to itself. At each step there is a Revelation, a greater Revelation — an Avataric Revelation.

Avatars are the Revealing Ones, the Coming Ones. It is a Sanskrit word, often translated as “the Coming One,” but it is not that He is coming from somewhere and going someplace. In the deeper metaphysics, there is no time and space. *He is there*, a grand, big Totality. In that Totality, everything is there. It is not the Coming One. It is the Revealing One.

It is just as in the springtime. At first the buds are little and you watch how they are slowly opening and blooming. Each step is a revelation, with greater radiation, greater beauty, greater depth and knowledge. Divinity is revealing Himself to Himself. What are Avatars? They are symbols of

these Revelations. I am talking about the esoteric meaning of “Avatars,” not the popular explanations.

All of these Revelations are coming. For example, Christ, Buddha, Sanat Kumara are nothing else but the mediums of Revelations — or the bodies of the flowers through which the tree is blooming. They are the spirit of the tree. And this is true not only in our solar system but also for the whole Cosmos. If once it were possible to fly away and away and away to see the whole of creation, we would see that it is like a Lotus that is blooming, a great Lotus in the deep, unlimited space, blooming and radiating in ever more beauty and color and music.

The human being in this Lotus is a little atom. Even our solar system is an atom. On that atom, the human being is an atom. Where is the place of the human being on this atom? Well, you can imagine! As we learn this, our little personal problems melt away. Who are you?

But because man is able to know this mystery, therein is the beauty, the greatness of the human being. You can visualize this great depth of space and the Lotus that is blooming. From the lower place to the highest levels of consciousness and to the mysteries, we can visualize levels of which we know nothing. As it is hidden for us in the human being, what about the Hidden One in the planet? What about the Hidden One in the Cosmos? This is the beauty of the unity of all Nature. “The sons of men are one and I am one with them.”

And not only the sons of men but everything is one. The Whole is one.

Once a Sufi spoke to friends and said, “I am going to meet God today,” and everybody went away and hid to see how their teacher would speak to God. He went to a beautiful tree, kissed it, and started to look at it and sing. It touched him through its beauty; he was in ecstasy — the great mystery.

The Avatars are those great beings who are bringing the Revelations. They are not the Revelations themselves. They are revealing the Great One that is in all of us, in our nature. For example, a great concept of art can reveal itself through a dance. The dancer is revealing the great beauty that is in the mind of the great art.

For instance, when there is a great concept in the mind of an artist, he can create it into a dance. And as the dancers dance and the music plays, a greater depth of consciousness is expressing itself through all the movements and elevating your consciousness to the concept, the idea that gave birth to all these moods, music, colors, dresses. This is an Avataric Revelation. As we go forward, we will learn more about them.

*Question: Can we scientifically prove we are one with the Universe?*

**Answer:** Yes, science says that nothing can be lost or added to creation. Everything is one existence, as is your body. But of course there are gaps and these gaps must be filled. For example, there are gaps in the human being. You do not know what is happening in higher levels. Once you build the Antahkarana, the bridge between the higher and lower, you will learn to know.

What is telepathy? It is one step forward toward Unity. All the communications systems of the world are the symbols of Unity. For example, China and America did not communicate for many years, but now you can watch both on television. The world has become so small that we are able to communicate with the world. One day we will have a television that can watch whatever we want and have a telephone that can communicate with ten people at one time. The space ships that are going to the moon, Venus, and Mars are the outer communications factor. Man is proving the Unity of the great existence.

There is a mistaken belief that Avatars belong to religions. It is not true. They are from all fields of knowledge. All experience is as their own. They are the ones who are able to reveal more and more. The financial ones can reveal that part of the mystery. Scientific Avatars are building the same house — one the roof, another the door, another the cellar — but they are building one great mystery.

Muslims believe the Great One is coming and He is the Mahdi. In Damascus there is a great mosque, a masterpiece of beauty. When you enter you lose your mind — it is so beautiful. All the vaults are made of green mosaics. There is a great peace in it because the Great Ones come from the Druse Mountains to worship. The Muslims say that He will come and reveal Himself, but they do not call Him Christ. They call him the Imam Mahdi, the Highest One, the Loving One. The Kalki Avatar is the Buddhist name for Him.

*Alaya* is Sanskrit. “A” means “not” and “laya” means “to dissolve”; so *alaya* means “not to dissolve” or the Indissoluble One, the Indestructible One, or the Changeless One.

H.P. Blavatsky went to Tibet twice — once for two years and once for three years. She stayed with Master Morya and the sister of Master Koot Hoomi. While she was there she learned Sanskrit and memorized special Senzar verses. Then when she came to America, she translated these verses into English and they were published as *The Voice of the Silence*. The Koran is maybe 900 to 1,000 pages. There are people who can say it all by heart.

In ancient Greece when they were reciting Greek mythology and the poetry of Homer, they were not reading. It was memorized. This is one of the disasters of the modern world. We cannot memorize. The ability to memorize means that you are building a conscious mind that is immediately in rapport with whatever you have learned at any moment, in any time. It also means the etheric body is healthy when the memory is so healthy.

There is no such thing as being “born with it.” Those who look in the mirror and are aspiring to beauty, next time they will be very beautiful. But if the person is being ugly, the face will be more ugly next time. We must look at both sides. This is occultism. The message of esotericism is that “nothing is gained by chance.” You learn. Next time you will be a more advanced yogi because whatever you cultivate and gain is printed on the permanent atoms. These permanent atoms will create an elastic permanent body.

Sometimes for one life the Soul balances the growth. If you are growing too much in science, next time they close it

and put you in the devotional line. If you are too much in medicine, you become a priest to cultivate that side. Then the next time the whole thing blooms — writer, musician, scientist, whatever. The soul blooms in a way that you cultivate the side that you did not cultivate.

If a man makes many rooms ugly and one beautiful, the supervisor says, “Go and cultivate your whole nature.” Eventually all of our nature will reveal the inner beauty through our speech, movements, looks, business. If a man dances beautifully, he must be beautiful in other forms of communication. Every side must bloom, including a more beautiful body and more beautiful hair. This is a part of the Revelation. The beauty in you wants to make everything beautiful — a beautiful, radiating star. In all our communications, this is what must be achieved.

In monasteries and brotherhoods where I’ve been, the leaders sit very solemnly when a new person walks in. In the monasteries, when a man applies to be a member, he enters and they watch him — the way he walks, his salutes, the tone of his voice, his look and movements. Then the leaders decide what degree he is: 7, 6, or 5.

One day we were sitting in the room when three boys came in. An obstacle was placed in a room. One entered but did not see anything. A second entered and stumbled over the obstacle. The third boy entered and said, “Hello, everyone. Can I pick this up?” Immediately the leaders said, “This one is so graceful.” You can cover your whole body, but if your tail is outside it is known that you have a tail and are in the animal kingdom.

One day there was a fox that entered a chicken coup, did a lot of damage, and then ran away. But as he ran, his tail was caught in the door. The man came and said, “You escaped, but your tail is here!” Man will reveal himself in little things — like asking for a dollar and not returning it. His nature will always reveal itself in little ways, such as if he is punctual or how much he has respect, and so on.

There is another story from the monastery. The Teachers use a technique called “step on his tail.” This means that when a newcomer joins, they try to irritate him, to make him angry. If he is writing something, they go and hit him, for example. Ten minutes earlier a lesson was given to him to be calm in any situation, but because they stepped on his tail, he howled. This is the greatest technique in the mysteries. They find the weakest point and at the best time they test you to reveal what is inside of you. If you remain calm and smiling, they say, “This boy is achieving. He is powered.”

Once a year the Buddha comes at the Wesak full moon to meet humanity. In one of the Tibetan valleys He comes from the sky and blesses a big bowl of water. Then Christ lifts the bowl to His head, magnetizing it with His head center, and then distributes the water to the Masters and to all humanity.

So at Wesak, the Buddha is bringing energy to the planet, giving it to Christ, and Christ is passing it. Every time Buddha is coming, a new Light is increasing in the world. Some great expansion of consciousness is coming at this time. Then in June, as the Masters’ consciousness is expanded, it is passed on to humanity and all kingdoms in Nature.



Wesak is a festival between humanity, Christ, and Buddha. Buddha is bringing His planetary energies to the world, giving them to the Christ, Who gives them to the great Masters, Who pass them to the initiates, who give them to the disciples. This is the outer ceremony.

The inside ceremony takes place when Christ is touching Buddha, when the initiates are touching Christ, and when humanity is contemplating at the right moment. They all are having a great expansion of consciousness, which is itself a part of divine Revelation because every communication with the Higher Ones unveils and expands our consciousness. Even shaking hands with a more advanced man expands our consciousness. Even thinking about him expands our consciousness. If we use his jacket, we have an expansion because his influence and energies expand us. This does not mean we are having a happier life. No. The resistance of the world can make our problems even greater if we have weak points in our character.

A beautiful story is told of Buddha. When He reached Nirvana, a great tempter came and said, "Lord, You are free. You have achieved Nirvana and no longer have anything to do with humanity." Then Buddha thought, "No. That is temptation. I will stay where I am until the last pilgrim enters Nirvana." That was His vow because He saw the truth. Your hand cannot say, "I have reached Nirvana. Who cares about my body!" Buddha was tested in a very subtle way to see whether He was illuminated or not.

For example, suppose that Christ is here, talking to you. One year you will understand Him five percent. The next year you will know Him one hundred percent. "Doesn't He

know me?” Yes, but you are not opened. He knows you are going to be a god, but now you are a bud. He conditions your growth because He sees you, because He sees your future achievement. In visualizing your future greatness, His thoughts open the way. They are a magnetic pull through which you are growing. They create a blueprint for your achievement. It is there!

So we always say, “Think about each other achieving greater things.” You are conditioning, opening a beautiful blueprint that I can reach. It should not be limiting. For example, I will think about Marie and say, “She will be a great source of power, light, love, and realization — unlimited realization.” If I say, “She is going to be a teacher and teach arithmetic,” I am limiting her and forcing her to grow where I want her to go. I can say, “She will be a great server.” In what way? In what field? That depends on her choice.

In my mind this higher “conditioning” creates a different picture. This “conditioning” is like a vacuum. For example, if you peel a hard-boiled egg and set it on the opening of a bottle from which all air has been removed, the vacuum pulls the egg into the bottle. In the same way, you have a mental ideal. A vacuum is created when the Master envisions that ideal, and you grow toward it.

In the past we learned that we must obey the Masters and our Soul, but this is no longer a right teaching. The real Soul, the real Master in you never forces Its will. On the contrary, It conditions you so that you bloom as you are. If you are a seed of a lily, They produce the Light with fertilizing powers and energies and you bloom. They do not want a

lily to be a rose. No. Stay a lily. They never force. That is why we are in the age of freedom.

Do not force people. Let them grow and condition their own growth. Let them choose. The Soul suggests, never forces. I saw a beautiful picture expressing this concept. A little child was walking on a mountain path when he saw a beautiful flower on the edge of the cliff. He looked down, afraid, but the flower is so beautiful that he wants to hold it. Then he looks back on the path and sees an angel holding a more beautiful flower — and he follows it back to the path. This is conditioning, not force. The Soul never orders. The great mystery reveals itself in percentages. It is not possible to reveal the whole because of the level of human achievement.

Compassion is the greatest magnet in the Lotus, attracting every atom in the Universe toward the center, to transmute each atom and unfold it to its fullest beauty. That inner nucleus, which we call Divinity or the unknown Mystery, is within each atom. And because He is within each atom, as Himself, He is collecting Himself to the center. He is blooming and revealing. That is compassion. It is attraction to the center on a gradient scale, sublimating whatever you are. The Self of the Unchangeable One is compassion. It is Him. Compassion is even higher than the Law of Attraction. Every pilgrim, every atom will eventually find the Path that will lead Home because the One sitting in the Home is calling, attracting, bringing him toward Him.

The Tibetan Master says, “When We say ‘Christians,’ We do not mean the followers of the Christian religion but all those who sense the love nature of Christ and work and

serve for human upliftment. Those who call themselves Christians but do not do as Christ said are not Christians. Those who are Buddhists, Sufis, etc. and are doing what Christ said are the Christians.”

If we have not turned our sensitivity to the higher energies, we cannot absorb them. It is a matter of receptivity, discipline, purity. When the mind is completely pure, there are no destructive or conflicting energies, no patches of clouds of fear or jealousy. And if the emotional body also is pure, radiating love, respect, serenity — only such a nature can be ready to receive such energies.

One day I asked one of my friends, “Why was your shop burned?” He said, “You know, it was the electric wires. When we turned on the electricity, there were some cracks and everything was burned.” What was the matter? Spiritually, the energy was passing through the wires, but because of the cracks it did destructive instead of constructive work. If in your nature some high level of energy is entering through you and you have gaps or cracks in your nature, your nature can be destroyed. So, in advanced classes, people must be watched consciously. Is there any little crack in the nature of this woman or man that could be disastrous if the incoming energies are increased?

This group is the very same. We are trying to build it safely. Sanity is the goal. It can be done if the energy is controlled and if, before the energy passes through you, you heal your wounds and cracks. Learn slowly and digest it well. Whatever you are learning, go slow. It takes the acorn centuries to become an oak. Go slowly but surely.