

UNIT OF LIFE and Double Nature

...The unit of life emanated from the Overself begins with the merest glimmer of consciousness, appearing on our plane as a protozoic cell. It evolves eventually into the fullest human consciousness, including the intellectual and spiritual...

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... The self-consciousness thus developed will not be dissolved, extinguished, or re-absorbed into the Whole again, leaving not a trace behind. Rather will it begin a new spiral of evolution towards higher altitudes of consciousness and diviner levels of being, in which it will cooperate as harmoniously with the universal existence as formerly it collided against it... 26.4.256

It is an excellent question to put before any man--Who am I?--but it will need the accompaniment of another one--What am I?--if the beginner is to get an easier and fuller working of his mind's attempt to procure a less puzzling answer. 8.1.35

...Just as a wax copy may be burnt but the music will still live on in the master disc, so the cosmos may be annihilated or disintegrate completely but the creative idea of it will still live on in the World-Mind. More, in the same way a man's body may die and disintegrate, but the creative idea of him will still remain in the World-Mind as his Soul. It will not die. It's his real Self, his perfect Self. It is the true Idea of him which is forever calling to be realized. It is the unmanifest image of God in which man is made and which he has yet to bring into manifestation in his everyday consciousness.

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AD: Extraordinarily Beautiful Paradox 2:45

AD: You Become Wisdom 1:46

AD Ohio 1984 who and what with Red Witter 1:44

AD Ohio 1984 overself and world-mind who and what 2:00

AD: 360 and I thought 3:00

AD: Each unit soul has an inviolable sanctity, in the sense that it is an image of God. But that it can be individuated and determined and fulfill a certain potential which is in the Mind of God, I think is a concept which is extraordinarily beautiful. . .

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The “who” would refer to the
Overself, the “what” would refer to
the presence of the World-Mind and
the World-Idea *in* the Overself. The
two have to be understood, not just
one. ...

--AD cols 1984 *ppt.*

AND ON THE OTHER HAND...

Isn't it paradoxical and almost uroboric when we conceive of this? On the one hand, the Nous is within the soul and we are speaking of the soul as this transcendent being. On the other hand, this transcendent being has to emanate a part of itself, get involved in the World-Idea, penetrate into the depths of the World-Idea, so that it can develop prajna consciousness, penetrate into the void intelligence of the Nous, and come to a self-recognition within itself. . . . *Audio*
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AD: Now the combination of these two--the experience of your center of being and the experience as just being--is what Plotinus referred to as the 'We.' And that's the philosophic experience: the experience of the I AM, which includes that part or power that the I AM has to project forth. ...

: So when we say that the I AM projects forth a part of itself or a power from itself, and this is the consciousness which gets embodied--that's one experience. The experience of the I AM, independent of that, is another. The two of them together is the experience of the soul as the 'We' which contains both of them, and that's the philosophic experience. --2/15/84 Living Wisdom