FLOWERING OF HUMAN CONSCIOUSNESS:

The Flowering of Human Consciousness: is Divine Consciousness flowering as Human

primordial consciousness takes form

hides itself to appear as this,
To recognize itself
in and through and as you.
In the depths of the infinite
Is the potential for uniqueness
And here in each unique person
Is potential for the infinite.

A seed of God grows into God Let yourself be... Let God be God in you.



WHAT IS CONSCIOUSNESS?

If there is anything worth studying by a human being, after the necessary preliminary studies of how to exist and survive in this world healthily and wisely, it is the study of man's own consciousness--not a cataloguing of the numerous thoughts that play within it, but a deep investigation of its nature in itself, its own unadulterated **pure self.** 1.1.81

When a person comes to his real senses, he will recognize that he has only one problem: "How can I come into awareness of, and oneness with, my *true being*?"

For it is to lead him to this final question that other questions and problems have staged the road of his whole life. This answered, the way to answer all the other ones which beset him, be they physical or financial, intellectual or familiar, will open up. Hence Jesus' statements: "Seek ye first the kingdom of heaven and all these things shall be added unto you," 1:1.130

The first question is also the final one; it is quite short, quite simple, and yet it is also the most important question which anyone could ever ask, whether of himself or of others. This question is: "What is consciousness?" Whoever traces the answer through all its levels will find himself in the end in the very presence of the universal consciousness otherwise called God. 19.3.32

If the real Self must have been present and been witness to our peaceful enjoyment of deep slumber-otherwise we would not have known that we had had such enjoyment--so must it likewise have been present and been witness to our rambling imaginations in dream-filled sleep and to our physical activities in waking. This leads to a tremendous but inescapable conclusion. We are as near to, or as much in, the real Self, the Overself, at every moment of every day as we ever shall be. All we need is awareness of it. 22.3.25

[but it is awareness, and we are it]

If you ask what reality is, in philosophy's view, the answer must be consciousness. If you further ask what a person's work in this life is, the answer must be to become conscious of consciousness as such. But because, ordinarily, consciousness never discloses itself to him but only its varying states, he can accomplish this work only by adopting extraordinary means. He will have to steel his feelings and still his mind. In short, he will have to deny himself. 20.3.155

What is the reality behind all our experiences? Since they are thoughts, and since thoughts are made possible by Consciousness, it must be the Consciousness. This remains true even when the `I' is unaware and unconscious, because limited and little, being only a thought itself, an object known like other objects; the Real is still there but hidden. 21.5.175



It is the disentanglement of consciousness from its own projections, its thoughts of every kind, which is the final and first work of a would-be philosopher. Consciousness is then in its pure unconditioned being. 23.7.181

...Now drop the term mind, the term consciousness, and let the term spirit take their place. Here psychological analysis of experience seems to cross the border into religion. For consciousness is a real thing, not a no-thing. It exists in its own right. *More, all experience is an uninterrupted spiritual experience, whatever man has done to degrade it.*

Everyone knows that he is aware of himself, others, the world. But that awareness exists also in an unlimited uninterrupted way he does not know. Yet to the extent that he has this limited kind of consciousness he derives from It, shares the spirit, is part of it. (21.2.98)

The awareness reading this has no name.

It is never a content, but immediately intimate in every experience.

This awareness is also the essential nature of everything that arises in awareness.

It has many names,

but is before or past all of them.

--Padma dKarpo

I as thoughts changes from moment to moment, but what is it that knows the changes? deeper I is the principle of awareness which makes modes of consciousness possible. the witnessing self is present in hidden association or mystic immanence in the personal self and reflects into that self the feeling of its own real existence. It is this projected fraction of awareness which is what we ordinarily term consciousness.

-The Wisdom of the Overself "The Secret of the I"

Remember that through all the flow of experienced events and things...

the consciousness which observes them remains throughout,

You should Identify with that consciousness and let go of the changing contents.

(The Wisdom Of The Overself Ch. 14 ex 4)

Trace consciousness back to itself, unmixed with bodily sense reports, emotional moods or mental thoughts. This can be done successfully only by withdrawing it inward as you analyze. This process becomes a meditation. In the final term, you are aware of nothing else: That is, of nothing but being aware. But at this point you cannot know it as a second thing, an object, but only by being it. (23:7.208)

"...It is no truer message than this:

[Seek] for the divine within yourself return to it every day learn how to continue in it and finally *be* it.

--26.4.170