

# *Ascension Notes*



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Humanity is still a ways from exhibiting those qualities of the heart required to create a new world. Still, it is worth speculating upon. I would suggest that we are closer than it seems. The process starts with each individual discovering that source of Love within and sharing it with others. Thinking about the possibility of a world built of Love is the next step. Sharing those ideas so others can assess them will help us reach that goal. Concrete plans aren't needed until a spiritual awakening occurs but imagining the general destination in advance will help prepare the way.

Eventually we humans will recognize that spiritual growth, both individually and collectively, is the heart of our existence. When that occurs our social organizations will be consciously structured to reflect the reality that every being is valued equally in the spiritual economy of the Universe. The society that allows everyone to flourish will achieve a slow but steady material evolution and maximize the greatest cumulative development of spirit. Unique talents and abilities will arise spontaneously in response to the needs of the times.

Let's try and define spiritual evolution. It has to be an experience so universal to all people that it is readily understood and agreed upon. Something so simple can then be the root of a wide variety of significantly different social institutions and yet those societies can live in tolerant harmony with one another.

I'll propose that we are a composite balance of physical, mental and spiritual attributes. In the physical realm beauty, harmony, durability and utility are desirable qualities. Manifesting such characteristics in physical work provide emotionally satisfying results for the practitioner and increases the sense of being. Mentally, a similar result is found in the search for truth. That exploration may be directed outwardly toward science to increase our knowledge of the universe around us. We gain increased freedom from material want and the fears of ignorance. The mind may also be applied inwardly toward a study of qualities and values. They reside in the heart. That's our entrance to the world of the spirit, Love. It is the reality of the religious experience.

In each of us the balance of body, mind and spirit is constantly fluctuating as the attention of our personalities is variously captivated by our emotions, elevated into our minds or quickened by spiritual experience. In fact all three are inseparable though one or the other may be in ascendance at any given moment.

Individual evolution starts with birth and the necessary focus on material reality. With curiosity the mind starts to function and eventually entry into spiritual realms begins with decisions based on value judgments. Human society is a collective reflection of the body-mind-spirit balance. The spiritual shift may be manifest with an appreciation of morals, loosely codified in ethical systems that help to keep our animal nature from running amok. That's particularly important as our mental development provides an increased capacity to manipulate the physical world.