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Introduction

For most lightworkers, the concept of unity in diversity is quite simple. As we expand into the unity of the One, it becomes easily apparent that the many seemingly diverse aspects of God, or the One, are contained within that great and all-embracing whole. The confusion often lies in trying to find our unique place within that whole. The entire process of ascension, initiation and merging with God seems to be a comparatively simple one when contrasted with the process of discerning how we each fit into that whole and discovering the particular part that is ours alone to play.

The fact is, my beloved readers, that we are all as unique as the individual snowflake, which is intricately designed so that no two are alike, although when observed as a whole, they form the blended essence of what we call snow. Each and every one of us has a unique and specific part to play within the great oneness within which we all abide, though in our blended essences we form one body of lightworkers. The way I look at this is that each of us holds a very specialized piece of the divine puzzle of God, or the whole. The more attuned we become to God, the more we are called to find and fulfill that specialized piece of the puzzle belonging to ourself alone. When we find this puzzle piece and embrace it, we are then able to fulfill our divine mission upon this Earth. We ultimately do this without the loss, but rather the further gaining and embracing of our individual natures. While ever merging into vaster and fuller aspects of God, the one great Whole, we simultaneously play the part that we were in truth fashioned to play.

In order to do this, however, we must give up the idea that we are all alike, in the sense that there is only one way a lightworker can possibly serve God. While it is true that service is the key to expressing God upon Earth, it is not true, as many mistakenly assume, that the only way to serve is through channeling, lecturing, speaking, writing or practicing the healing arts. The way of the teacher, which embraces many of the above-mentioned areas of service, is very much the way of a second-ray soul and/or monad. We must consider, however, that there are seven different rays upon which our souls and monads are found. There is also the ray of the personality (the physical, emotional and mental bodies), specific astrological configurations under which we were born, the actual level of our initiation and integration of that initiation, the various archetypes, as well as an infinite variety of combinations of all the aforementioned aspects. Add to that other contributing factors (not mentioned above, but to be explored within this material), and it becomes quite clear that each of us is singularly unique.

Even among those of us who have much in common there is also great diversity. Take, for example, two individuals who are wonderful channels. One person may channel more through the heart chakra and the other via the head chakra, or mind center. As simple a difference as this would bring through the very same information in quite distinct and different styles. Even if these two hypothetical souls/monads were located on the very same ray and were channeling the very same inner-plane master, if the past life of one made him more the occultist, using the mind to link up with the master, and the other developed along a more mystic line, using the heart as her main inner-plane connection, the truth revealed could not help but take on the respective qualities of either mind or heart. It is important to emphasize here that one is not better than the other. The ideal is to balance and integrate the two, for either one alone is imbalanced. It is the tendency of the negative ego to think that the path of the mind or the path of the heart mystic or occultist—is better than the other. This is illusion and/or delusion, for all paths have a part to play.

Please be aware that the above example is not taking into account the various ray factors of the various bodies, the qualities of the four lower bodies and the distinctive coloring that these bodies give to any teaching, astrological configuration and so forth. I purposely simplified it in my example so that you can more clearly and quickly discern the different effect that taking different paths would have even on two extremely similar beings. One is not better than the other. It is vital that you bear in mind that the idea of embracing your own puzzle piece is totally antithetical to any idea of comparison. Finding and fulfilling your own puzzle piece is, in truth, about the fulfilling of your unique divine mission. It is about taking your place with utter joy and acceptance within the glorious whole of which we are all a part, and fully and completely manifesting the best of that which you alone are!

Truly embracing the unity, the one God, means to likewise embrace and honor the diversity that comprises the whole. This is obviously true when discussing countries and the various races, creeds and colors, which, for lightworkers, is automatic and intrinsic to our natures. Where this becomes a tricky matter for us is within the spiritual community itself. This may at first seem like an odd thing to say and a hard thing to grasp, because we are able to manifest a harmony that the bulk of humanity only dreams about. The truth remains, however, that we have much work to do in this area.

In order to do this we must remain absolutely honest with ourselves as to where and what our individual calling is. We must let go of all illusory glamours that seem to indicate that one person's mission is greater than another's simply because it is more in the limelight, more dramatic, more financially lucrative or seemingly more esoteric. We must likewise purge ourselves of thinking it is our duty to fulfill all puzzle pieces, trying to embrace the entire puzzle picture, and thus end up fragmenting ourselves. This attitude serves but to distract us from our true spiritual calling, pulling us away from the focus needed to fulfill our specific mission. This is often the result of the negative ego, which seeks, in its faulty thinking, to exert its power by infiltrating areas that the soul/monad are not called to infiltrate or embody. This can also result when an overzealous disciple, initiate or embodied master attempts to carry the world upon his or her shoulders in the hope that this will please God and accelerate the plan on Earth.

Beloved readers and friends, this is not clear seeing or thinking. The fulfilling and embracing of your own divine puzzle piece and the actualizing of your ascension mission requires you to let go of all faulty beliefs and connect with your own first best destiny. As we are indeed intricate and complex beings, this book will explore the many facets of self to help you in the clearer seeing of your own unique purpose. It is the objective of this material to help you discover your own divine puzzle piece in order that you may best utilize this understanding for the joyful fulfillment of your own ascension mission.

The Search for Your Puzzle Piece

A Purpose for Every Person under Heaven

As this book is geared to lightworkers at every level of unfoldment and initiation, so it is geared and directed to lightworkers affected by their various rays, astrological tides, nationalities, cultural backgrounds, personal backgrounds and any and every combination that creates the uniqueness of each one of us. The most frequently asked questions that I hear from lightworkers is, "Now what? Where do I go from here? What is my purpose? How do I fit in? What is my mission? How can I serve God?" The answer to these and all similar questions I have been asked and that you have asked yourselves or asked one another or prayed to God and the masters about is this: Find, embrace and actualize your own divine puzzle piece! This, my beloved readers, is the key. The manifestation of *all* our ascension missions springs forth from within our own individualized soul and/or monad, as well as the combined forces and evolutionary paths we have traversed throughout the multiplicity of our incarnations. Just like the kingdom of God, the answer to this most puzzling question lies within.

One of the most frequent areas of confusion about this point I have seen among lightworkers occurs when an individual who is greatly gifted in one specific area, obviously called to fulfill his/her own unique mission and puzzle piece, spends precious time and effort in trying to fulfill other people's puzzle pieces. This is often due to the faulty belief that there is basically only one way to serve—as a well-known teacher/healer and channeler.

But service is not found along one particular line of work or ray manifestation. Nor can the service you seek to render come to fruition by trying to fulfill *all* puzzle pieces, which many a lightworker tries in vain to do.

Fulfilling your own puzzle piece is truly the highest calling you can follow. It is also the easiest path to set your feet upon as well as the quickest way to achieve your initiation and ascension. Because it is in total alignment with your true nature, it is the path that will bring you the peace, joy, love and harmony you have been seeking throughout your life. Lord Buddha calls this right action, right dharma or right work. You will find that in embracing your own divine puzzle piece, the joy and peace and sense of rightness in your lives that have thus far eluded you will fall upon you like a gentle healing mist. There is no greater healing balm than that of following your own truth. "Above all else, to thine own self be true."

Within the glorious sense of oneness and unity that our paths of integrated ascension and initiation have brought us abides the diversity that manifests upon every level of divinity. Unity does not obliterate diversity, but spiritualizes it! What is true in the macrocosmic sense is likewise true in the microcosm of our own individual lives. As Hermes/Thoth so eloquently and succinctly states it, "As above, so below." Therefore, as each planetary and cosmic master plays his part—as every planet, galaxy, universe and multiuniverse has its own unique purpose and puzzle piece—so does every one of us.

Obstacles to the Search for Meaning

One of the stranger phenomena that can occur in the life of a light-worker is that even after a firm and beautiful connection with God, higher self and/or monad and the masters has been established, the person still finds life bereft of meaning. This is mainly because the individual's mission and personal puzzle piece has not yet been found, much less embraced. Therefore the lightworker drifts about in the spiritual ocean without rudder, oar or sail, looking for some sign of a direction to take.

All too often these lightworkers decide to take a specific direction simply because it is the direction that others they know have taken. But this is not a proper reason for anyone to set foot upon a path. The call to your own unique mission and puzzle piece must ultimately come from within. Anything less than that would be following another's calling or trying to fit into someone else's puzzle piece. This is like trying to fit a square peg into a round hole. Some puzzle pieces might seem almost identical, as two pieces of a jigsaw puzzle might. However, the slightest difference calls for a different piece. The wrong piece simply will not do! Trying to live out someone else's mission, no matter how spiritually glamorous it may seem, will actually slow down your spiritual evolution. For example, you may try to channel, write books and be a healer, when your true destiny is to be a financial advisor for a new-age center or perhaps even a comedian. Finding your proper puzzle piece as it fits in with the divine plan will enormously accelerate your evolution.

The search for your individual puzzle piece lies appropriately with your own connection to soul and/or monad as well as with your specific relationship to the world within which you find yourself. Since your ultimate ascension mission and puzzle piece embrace the spiritual world, the physical world, the three minds and the four lower bodies, it is vital to remember that the totality of your being will be called into play on this issue.

Be Wholistic in Your Approach

Your ascension mission and specific puzzle piece must be approached in as wholistic a way as possible. If you find that you are focusing only on your spiritual development and the particular strengths and areas of service that are coming from the connection with spirit and are paying no heed to who you are psychologically, physically, environmentally and so forth, you will be able to embrace only one aspect of your true purpose. For this reason it is imperative that you follow the path of integrated ascension in the first place, which, simply put, means that you approach each initiation with as much of yourself wholistically cleared, cleansed and healed as possible, not just your spiritual body. This will allow you to be fully available to bring through in the most complete and encompassing way the part of the plan that is potentially within your power.

This integrated and balanced approach will also aid you to discover your ascension mission because you will then be able to fully access that which you are on all levels of your being rather than merely one or two. The following is a brief example of how a rounded development and attunement help facilitate this process.

Suppose you are a second-ray soul and monad, geared very much toward education. You are blessed with certain deep and wonderful spiritual truths, wisdom and much, much love. You have, however, neglected to cultivate the personality, which is located on the fourth ray and is very much at home in the various arts. Attuned to your soul and monad, you feel it is your divine calling to teach and educate humanity in the ways of spirit, except that as a personality you haven't a clue how to manifest this. You have achieved a place of much light and a great deal of love, but, having ignored your own personality, you can neither relate to your own psychological personal self nor to that of others. A great chasm has developed between what you know and are inwardly, and how you fit in or manifest this externally. If this is indeed the case, you will be adrift until you go back, as it were, and tend to that aspect of self you have heretofore ignored.

Let us, on the other hand, suppose that you have approached your ascension/initiation in a more integrated manner, taking into full account the spiritualization and purification of every aspect of self (mind, emotions, physical body and psychological development). To keep this example simple, suppose that one of the major things you learned about yourself was that your personality was on the fourth, or artistic, ray and along with going

deeper and higher into the spirit aspect of self, you kept working on the development of your art and became a proficient painter. While looking for your ascension mission and how to best embrace your divine puzzle piece, you came to know beyond the shadow of a doubt that it is your divine calling to teach via your artwork. Depending on a multitude of other varying factors, there are several ways you might do this. You might become a teacher of young children and work with them spiritually through the medium of paint. You might become an adult education teacher and help unlock the inner creativity and aspirations of the adult population with which you are working. You might paint the vision of spirit and with your brushstroke bring people to the temple of God within their own souls.

Obviously there are countless more possibilities, but I think you see what I am getting at. The more rounded your total development, the easier it will be to intuit what your exact puzzle piece is. There may, of course, be the unavoidable experimentation within various artistic fields while the intricacies of your exact work are revealed. But there will not be the utter confusion that results when one facet of self is stressed to the exclusion of all others.

The true meaning of life is revealed when you unite consciously with both the I Am Presence or monad via the ascension/initiation process and find your particular puzzle piece and ascension mission with which to express the joy of this extraordinary unity. Frustration inevitably arises in your inner-plane connection when the thread along which these wondrous energies seek to enter the four lower bodies is not integrated into the process. If you find that you have been unable to fully integrate the whole of your beingness into your ascension process and thus have a schism between your spiritual self and that aspect of self in manifestation, your immediate mission is to tune in to those other aspects of self so that they can be cleansed, healed, purified, balanced and integrated with your soul and/or monad. In this way you will achieve integrated ascension, not fragmented ascension.

This can manifest from simply taking classes in subjects you always felt drawn to but perhaps never had or made time for, to working with the teachings in my books *Soul Psychology* and *How to Clear the Negative Ego*. You may also want to work with a qualified spiritual counselor in order to work through faulty negative-ego belief patterns and blockages that have kept you out of touch with yourself. Clearing the negative ego and replacing it with Christ/Buddha thinking is absolutely vital to the process of integrating and balancing the three minds and four lower bodies and realizing your puzzle piece.

There are likewise some simple, basic simple things that everyone can do to find their special meaning in life and their particular puzzle piece. Perhaps you have been dressing in one style year after year without ever