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### Summary

- Living ideas
- the 'I' in us is a droplet of divinity and therefore immortal
- Great cathedrals, like human beings, have sacred centres or chakras
- There is no death for the spiritual being which is man
- We are all part of the great 'I AM', the all powerful, creative being -
- We have got to wake up and, in free will, dedicate ourselves to channel the power of the living God and the living Christ
- When we misuse our freedom, the dark forces can attack us
- Man is a co-creator of God

Dear Friends,

That attunement is important and powerful. It is important for a group as this to explore together ideas. For this is a moment of coming together, of overcoming the isolated separation of the human being, and beginning to experience the great totality of humanity. And furthermore, we may be certain that our thinking together on this great theme: *Die Kraft des lebendigen Geistes im Zeitalter des Umbruchs* (The Power of the Living Spirit in an Age of Change) that this thinking will bring to us here on the subtler planes, our friends out of the body, our own angelic guides, invisible.

I want to begin with a poem. This comes in a play 'A sleep of Prisoners' by one **Christopher Fry**. The situation in the play is a group of prisoners of war locked in an empty church in the night. And one after another is taken over by a higher power which speaks through them. Finally a sergeant speaks this:

*The human heart can go the length of God.  
Dark and cold we may be, but this is no winter now.  
The frozen misery of centuries breaks, cracks, begins to move;  
The thunder is the thunder of the floes, the thaw, the flood, the upstart Spring.  
Thank God our time is now when wrong comes up to face us everywhere,  
Never to leave us till we take the longest stride of soul men ever took.  
Affairs are now soul size. The enterprise is exploration into God.  
Where are you making for? It takes so many thousand years to wake, but will you wake for pity's sake?*

And then he came out of it and carried on and asked for a cigarette. This is the important line: *Affairs are now soul size. The enterprise is exploration into God.* This is a terrific thought. This is an active deed on our part. Something is happening now, a flooding into the human layer, a flooding of power of love and sympathy into the human being, into the human soul. Now what does this exploration into God mean? To me this means a grasping of living ideas. And I mean this, that the ideas, the great spiritual ideas which can fire our minds and hearts are Beings, they are strands in the thought of God. We may grasp that first from the divine source was poured out an ocean of light and an ocean of thought. It is interesting that the Essene Book of Creation which is the counterpart of Genesis opens with these words not 'in the beginning God created heaven and Earth', but 'without beginning the Law (that is the Lord) creates life and thought'.

Lift your imaginative vision and conceive this ocean of life, an ocean of living thinking, creative thinking, and on that level are all the, can I say, archetypal ideas of God which are made visible in physical forms on the Earth. By this thought first comes the great archetypal idea, the human being, made in the image of God – let us make man after our own image – that's what He said, a being that can focalize thinking and feeling, that is love, and volition, willing, creation and that archetypal spiritual being stands, is there, was there, from the beginning. This means, if once you can accept that the Earth is the training ground, the school of souls, it means that with every incarnation we are approaching nearer to the realization of that great archetype. Think what we shall be as scholars or artists or lovers or musicians or athletes when we have achieved the realization of that archetype! Will you realise that this thinking is a complete turnabout in the centre of our consciousness from the time in the last century when our great-grandfathers were proud to have discovered that man appeared out of the apes.